

October 2022

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 SFS Women's Group 10am
9 28th Sunday *Fred Keeley	10 *Abraham Klein-schmidt	11	12 *Chuck Knepfle	13 *Chris Kolik	14	15 *Diane Campbell *Jeanette Tepe

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #576
Canticle of the Sun
 Response: #95
If Today You Hear His Voice
 Communion: #680 *We Walk by Faith*
 #728 *Eye Has Not Seen*
 Recessional: #829
Let There Be Peace on Earth



Winner-A-Day Winners: 9/26-10/2
 Joseph Thierauf, William Pennetti, Chris Fuchs, Kevin Holthaus, Katie Gibboney \$100, last day of month, Thomas Wernke, Timothy Nolan. 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 October 9
Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Greeters: Mary Geers, Gregory Weber, Steve Sparks
Lector 1: Brian Yacucci
Lector 2: Tim Candelaresi
Intercessions: Mark Kacher
Eucharistic Minister: Carla Sherman
Collection: Barbara Bok, Joan Monnin Callahan

Upcoming Events
Today Blessing of Pets.
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.
Oct. 13-16 BLINK!
Oct. 20 Parish Finance Committee Meeting
Oct 23 Parish Worship Committee Meeting. Mission Sunday—world-wide collection.
Oct. 24-28 Fr. Al on retreat at St. Meinrad Abbey



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

**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.

27th 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. 25
 Sunday Collection: \$2,659.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 726.40
 Total: \$3,385.40



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)

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.



“Let us begin again.” St. Francis of Assisi

Pastor’s Corner



I’m writing this on last Sunday afternoon because I will be away Monday-Thursday for the Archdiocesan Convocation of Priests. We Religious Order priests with parish assignments are encouraged to attend this once-every-five-years multi-day convocation. Fr. EJ and I will drive together to Wheeling, WV.

Today, we will anticipate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. As in years past, the Blessing of Pets is a highlight for all those people with special pets in their lives. We know, though, that St. Francis is so much more than a bird bath Saint, a lover of animals. Years ago, the friars had a brochure for promoting vocation to our way of life. The title was Everybody’s Saint. There is something about Francis that endears him to people of all faiths. When we think of peace, we think of Francis. Certainly the new ecological movement finds its patron in Francis. He has such a universal appeal because he considered all creatures his brothers and sisters. He exhibited joy and humility, care for the poor and alienated. There is so much about him that drew me to join the Franciscans over 50 years ago! There is such joy in sharing his charism here at St. Francis Seraph.



Fr. Al

Blessing of Pets! With the Feast of St. Francis on Oct. 4, TODAY we will celebrate St. Francis’ love of all God’s creatures with an 11:00AM Blessing of Pets on the plaza in front of church.



Catholic Telegraph

This magazine of the Archdiocese is offered free to all Catholics. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table if you would like to start receiving this publication. (5 or 6 people have signed up.)

Anniversary Books

There is one remaining copy of each of the Archdiocesan Anniversary books. You can find these on the back table in church. The book with all the pictures of churches is \$30.00 and the illustrated history is \$15.00. Last chance to get a copy!



Preach the Gospel. Use Words if Necessary.



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.



Parish Council

Thanks to all those who offered to serve our parish in this way. There were many nominated and we appreciate all who considered being on the ballot. 5 people are being elected today, but everyone involved are to be thanked for such a large participation in nominating. It is heart-warming to see so much good energy in the parish.



Ohio Innocence Tour

This tour of various Ohio cities is sponsored by the committee working to end the Death Penalty in Ohio. On Monday, Oct. 10, you can take part at the UC College of Law at 7PM. You are encouraged to rsvp on Facebook, but I think you could attend without a reservation. Hear testimony from people who spent years or decades on death row, wrongly convicted of a crime. The Ohio legislature is certainly leaning toward a vote to stop executions in Ohio. Your advocacy can help. Attending this event will surely help you do that. Our Catholic Church no longer supports the use of the death penalty.

“It is not fitting, when one is in God’s service, to have a gloomy face.” St. Francis of Assisi

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!