

9 28th Sunday *Fred Keeley	10 *Abraham Kleinschmidt	11	12 *Chuck Knepfle	13 *Chris Kolik BLINK	14 BLINK	15 *Diana Campbell *Jeanette Tepe BLINK
16 29th Sunday BLINK	17	18	19 *Anne Burkhart *Elianan Niese	20 *Julie Fay	21	22 *Sara Kleinschmidt

Minister Schedule for October 16

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan
 Don and Kathy Meyer
Lector 1: Dave Frondorf
Lector 2: Cindy Lewis
Intercessions: Bob Ehram
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Reichert
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Tina Candelaresi


Fundraiser for church in Egypt

Parishioners Rita Reichert and Linda Weisgerber have spent many summers teaching English at the Coptic Catholic Seminary in Cairo. This Sunday, Rita will speak briefly after Mass to present a need for a new parish center at St. George Church in Egypt. Information will be made available as to how you might contribute.

HVAC. It is really happening! This month, all of the needed equipment has arrived and over the coming weeks RIECK will be able to do the installation. This means new heating and our first-ever air conditioning! When the switch is made from the old heating system to the new, we could have a Sunday where we might be between systems, meaning it could be chilly depending upon our fall weather! (Yes, we had hoped for a little chill in the summer, but we might get it now!) Gratefully, we already raised over \$155,000 for this project. We don't expect to raise \$292,000, of course, but some more donations could mean less has to be withdrawn from our reserves.

Today, **Tina and Tim Candelaresi** are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations!

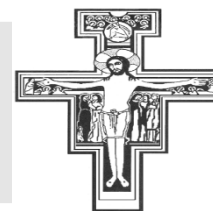
Winner-A-Day Winners: 10/3-10/9

Gerald Berding, Kevin Staigl Sr., \$1000, 
 Feast of St. Francis, Dan Nolan, Dorothy Burks, John Steffen, Alex Hudy, David Johnson. 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.

Summer Appeal Winners: \$125: Greg Ionna, Dianne Berger, Eileen Lakin, Linda Robbins, Robert Restle, Karl Buechler, Ruth King, Judith Graves, Tom Sikes, Jeanne Clifton, Robert Fehn, Lee Comer, Lucille Kotzbauer, Sheila Carroll, Bob Hanneken, Julie Bartish, John Fitzgerald, Paul Rappoport, Ruth King, Jane Hader.
 \$200: Cynthia Metz, William Frese, Mike Senger, Janet Bolam. \$500: Kasia Blair, Lucille Kotzbauer, C.P. Sampson
 \$1000: Alex Hudy, John Fitzgerald
 \$2000: Jeanette Lavanier

Upcoming Events

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



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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!

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 Oct. 2
 Sunday Collection: \$5,191.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 995.00
 Total: \$6,186.00



Sister Dorothy Stang Award

17 years ago, Sr. Dorothy was martyred in Brazil, upholding the rights of the poor people. She lived the values of solidarity with the poor and the Earth, a commitment to Catholic social teachings and a love for Jesus and his mission. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Mission Office of the Archdiocese encourage parishes to name a recipient of this annual award who reflects her values. Our Parish Council has named **Bonnie Neumeier** as this year's person at St. Francis Seraph. She will receive the award on Sunday, Oct. 16, at our Sunday Mass.

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Pastor's Corner



With a new Parish Council recently elected, I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have been serving the parish through these past years. This has been a time of transition in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Two years ago, our parish also had a transition to a new pastor and an influx of many new people.



Early on, John E. Back decided to resign for health and personal reasons. Some months later, the Council members asked me to appoint someone from among the new parishioners to take his place. Carol Metz has taken that role. Natalya Kravchenko and her husband, Anthony Newby, stepped away from the Council shortly after the war in Ukraine was consuming Natalya's time in raising money and awareness for her home country. Robb Wing continued to serve as the President even though he had to do so remotely. He graciously asked that John Reder take his place as President and John agreed. John D. Back was also strict with pandemic distance but continued to participate in our zoom meetings while his own family was expanding from one to two to three children! Thank you, John, John, John, Natalya, Anthony and Robb for helping me get started here at St. Francis Seraph and providing continuity during this time. Bro. Tim and I welcome the opportunity to now work with a new Parish Council as we make our way with Beacons of Light and the many opportunities and challenges that await us!

Fr. Al

Parish Council Election Results



Voter turnout was wonderful! 114 ballots were received on Sunday and by email late last week. Elected: **Gary Favors** (103), **Mary Geers** (70), **Henry Stacey** (65), **Rita Reichert** (64) and **Kay Brogle** (57). These new members join **Carol Metz**, Brother Tim and Fr. Al on the Council. The three not elected this time were certainly all affirmed by the close election: Steve Sparks (54), Julie Murray (49) and Bob Dahlstrom (48).

Birthday thanks! Brothers Al and Tim thank you for the many ways you greeted us for our September 24 and 25 Birthdays.



God Answers Knee Mail!



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.

Social Action Committee

The first meeting of our Social Action Committee took place on Sunday, Sept. 25. We had 30 parishioners join us who shared their ideas about issues in our community which need our help and advocacy. We will meet monthly after 10AM Mass in the chapel to move forward with the work of peace and justice and improving the lives of our neighbors. Our next meetings will be Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 7. We welcome parishioners to join us.

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 Julienne 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: ftkemper@gmail.com by Oct. 24 with subject line "SFS Racism Program."

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It all begins this Thursday-Sunday. Our church is poised to welcome many visitors who will be swarming the streets these 4 evenings. How you can help:

1. Sign up to be an ambassador. Bro. Tim will provide you with an information sheet so that you can answer questions, tell people about our church. You can sign up for an hour or 2, whatever you can do.
2. Music. Our pianist, Jim, and his wife, Mia, an organist, will provide some hours of inspiring music for the evenings of Friday and Saturday. If you play piano, organ, cello or any meditative instrument, we love to have you volunteer for Thursday or Sunday.
3. Refreshment stand. Outside the church, we will sell hotdogs, chips, water, baked goods for hungry pilgrims! Again, there are sign-up sheets in the back of church to bring baked goods, provide hotdogs or chips or water. Of course, we need people to help be at the stand those 4 nights.

We welcome this great opportunity to make our parish known to the many visitors this weekend. Let's put on our own "light show," glowing with the love of Christ welcoming all to take a look at who we are!