

16 29th Sunday	17	18	19 *Anne Burkhart *Eliana Niese	20 *Julie Fay	21	22 *Sara Kleinschmidt
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23 30th Sunday	24	25 *Carol Fisher *Gary Favors	26 *Pablo Rosales	27	28 *Abby Kane *Tom Brock	29

Minister Schedule for October 23
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller, Marilou Priestle
Lector 1: Patrick Deavy
Lector 2: Bob Dahlstrom
Intercessions: Karen Weber
Eucharistic Minister: Clarissa Irvin
Collection: Rita Reichert, John Reder

The Church in Egypt...Information on how to donate to this cause announced last Sunday is on the table in back of church.

Annual Financial Report...Some copies are on the back table that report last fiscal year's and Actuals alongside the proposed Budget for 2022-2023. You can pick up a copy and if you have questions, Fr. Al can try to reply or contact Judy, our Bookkeeper.

“Way of St. Francis” Lending Library
 A couple in our parish have offered to make available books about Francis, Clare and Franciscan spirituality. Already we have over 30 books and would welcome donations of such books. A box will soon be available for your book donations. We hope to roll out (literally) this new program at the first of the year.

October Count... We have averaged 180 people attending our Sunday Mass the first two October Sundays. On any given Sunday, there are people who need to be someplace else. Hopefully, our October Count will show we have grown in numbers and people are committed to sharing Eucharist as many Sundays as possible.

Winner-A-Day Winners: 10/10-10/16
 Connie Vogt, Margaret Horne, Walter Anneken, Jamie Davis, Kathleen Brogle, Susan Hesketh, Cheryl Unwin. 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.

Upcoming Events
Oct. 20 Parish Finance Committee Meeting
Oct 23 Parish Worship Committee Meeting. 11:30
 Social Action Meeting, 11:30am
 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessing at Mass for Steve and Jill Kreinbrink. Congratulations!
 World Mission Sunday—world-wide collection. “You shall be my witness.” Pope Francis has chosen this theme. He invites us to support lay catechists, pastors, and religious sisters serving in 1,100 mission dioceses who serve in many challenging ministries, sometimes in the midst of persecution, war and violence. Envelopes marked **MISSIONS** will be available for your contributions.
Oct. 24-28 Fr. Al on retreat at St. Meinrad Abbey
Oct. 29 First session of 5 Saturdays of Breaking Open the Sin of Racism, 1pm
Nov. 1 Feast of All Saints. Masses at 8am and 6pm.
Nov. 2 Feast of All the Departed. A Remembrance Service is in the church at 6pm



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

29th 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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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. 9
 Sunday Collection: \$1,793.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 750.00
 Total: \$2,543.00



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 today, at our Sunday Mass.

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Pastor's Corner



Franciscan Family News. Fr. E.J. and I traveled to Wheeling together for the Convocation of Archdiocesan Priests two weeks ago. I proposed that I could sometimes celebrate the Saturday 4:00PM Mass at St. Clement as a way of bridging our two communities. (I know some folks now at St. Francis Seraph would be interested in a Saturday Vigil Mass here, but our parishioner base doesn't seem large enough to expand to a second Mass.) So, I will be celebrant and homilist for the 4:00PM Mass on Oct. 29.

The Disciple Marker Index. E. J. and I are seriously considering having both of our parishes participate in the DMI. This is a 75 question survey offered by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The survey would be beneficial in assessing where our parishioners are in regard to beliefs, level of participation in the faith, where we are in a sense of mission. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is strongly suggesting Families of Parishes invest in this tool—and the Archdiocese is making it available at a very reasonable cost to the parishes.

An interesting comment I heard during the Convocation made the distinction between growth by transfer and missional growth. Currently, St. Francis Seraph is experiencing lots of growth by transfer. What will it take for us to grow as a result of mission? The challenge is to prepare ourselves to more and more want to share the message of Christ with others. It will not be a good sign of church health if we go too many Easter Vigils with no one being baptized, no one coming to Christ. I hope in the coming months we can further explore how we can have more missionary disciples.

This disciple, yours truly, is going on retreat with other priests this week at the Archabbey of St. Meinrad in Indiana. I was scheduled for this retreat in April but I needed to postpone at that time, so now I am looking forward to these days of reflection on the Gospel stories of Luke and how they relate to spirituality.

Fr. Al

Parish Council. The newly-constituted Parish Council will meet after the Nov. 1, 6PM, Holy Day Mass to share a meal, get to know one another and talk about future ideas and agenda.



The Power of Prayer is Powerful.



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.

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.18. 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: flkemper@gmail.com by Oct. 24

Greetings St. Francis Seraph Parish,

I wanted to update everyone on our school year so far and also thank everyone for your support of our students. Our search for teachers is finally over, we are now fully staffed and can focus on academics and bringing up our test scores! Thank you for your prayers and any help you may have provided us in our search. Also a big thank you to those who donated Target cards to provide uniforms for our students. We greatly appreciate it.

At this time our school food pantry is running low. We have a list of items that we are in need of. If anyone would like to donate these items to us we would be very thankful. Once again thank you for all your support as we have begun what will no doubt be a successful school year here at St. Francis Seraph.

Needed Food Items: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, soup, baked beans, canned vegetables, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, canned ravioli, brownie mixes, mac and cheese, rice, ramen noodles.

Needed personal hygiene and cleaning products: girl's antiperspirant/deodorant, bar soap, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, (multi-purpose), toilet paper.

Sincerely,
Joe Clements, Principal SFS School