

23 30th Sunday	24	25 *Carol Fisher *Gary Favors	26 *Pablo Rosales	27	28 *Abby Kane *Tom Brock	29
30 31st Sunday *Gregory Weber *Geoffrey Yager	31	November 1 Feast of All Saints Mass at 8am and 6pm.	2 Feast of all the Departed Service in church at 6pm	3	4	5 *Josephine Levin

Minister Schedule for October 30

Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Greeters: Greta Benton, Clarissa Irvin
Lector 1: Jeanette Tepe
Lector 2: Veree Russell
Intercessions: Jim Imholte
Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Diersing
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Dave Frondorf

HVAC Update: Well, the cool we had anticipated during summer months is now going to be our experience for the next 4 weeks or so!

Thankfully, this weekend it is warming up into the 70s. As Bro. Tim announced last Sunday, while the new heating and air conditioning systems are being installed, the former heating system is being removed. Invite more friends and family to fill the church in the coming weeks so we can enjoy warm closeness! Maybe Moses can hold that staff aloft to hold off the cold weather. ☺

Our funding campaign has reached \$162,000. Hoping there will still be donations, we might reach a point where we only have to draw upon \$100,000 from our reserves to completely pay for this major improvement. All installation is expected to be finished in mid-December, with heat available to us before Thanksgiving.

True humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. C.S. Lewis

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.

Winner-A-Day Winners: 10/17-10/23 ADCO Heating, David Brune, Floyd Trossman, Mark Weber, Eileen Lakin, Julie Murray, Eva Hoelmenr. 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.



Confirmation Congratulations to four of our young people who were recently confirmed! Greg Kleinschmidt, Aiyana Reese, Aubrey Ruedisueli, and Jacob Yacucci were confirmed on October 11th, at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Also confirmed that evening were 48 young people from St. Clement and St. Stephen parishes. A reception immediately followed the Mass in the Cathedral undercroft. Congratulations to our Confirmandi who have prepared so diligently over the last several months and to their parents and sponsors who guided them on their journey. Many thanks as well to the members of the Women's Group for cookies contributed and to Kathy Meyer who helped as a hostess at the reception. If you wish to view the Confirmation Mass, go to <https://venue.streamspot.com/5a36f117>.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
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A Roman Catholic Community of Faith welcoming *all* people of faith in the Franciscan Tradition since 1859.

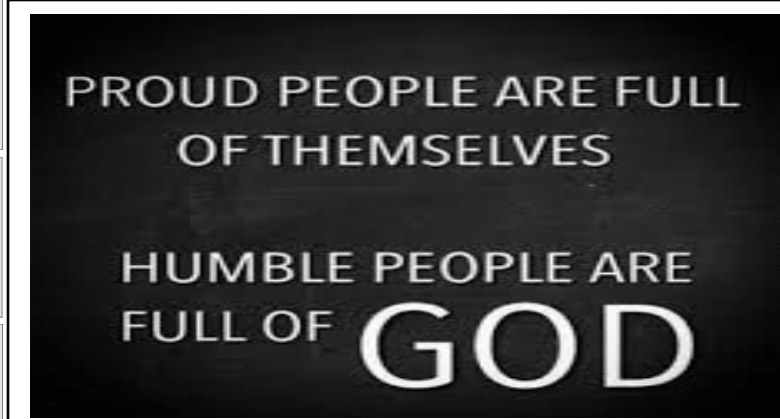
Sacraments

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.
Weekday Mass
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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Stewardship - Week Ending Oct. 16
 Sunday Collection: \$1,529.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 765.00
 Total: \$2,294.00
 Food Sales at BLINK: \$1,444.00
 Donation Box at BLINK: \$497.00



Action shot!
 Fathers Al and
 EJ meeting with
 Malachi Law-
 rence, who
 serves at the
 Archdiocesan
 liaison for our
 Franciscan
 family of parishes, as we begin planning for
 the months ahead in the Beacons of Light
 program!



Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Pastor's Corner *Fr. Al*



BLINK... On so many levels, BLINK was a great experience here at St. Francis Seraph, “*The Heart of Over-The-Rhine.*” I was telling people that we were not on the Blink map, but we are certainly a light in this city. Countless people thanked us for simply having the church doors open. People often commented on the beauty of the church and marveled at some of the history that our ambassadors shared. Often people thanked us for the ministry we offer to the neighborhood. Literally, some hundreds of people walked into our church each of the four nights. At least 1,000 people entered the church over the weekend. There were those who were curious to know when our Mass is celebrated. I heard a few people assure me they would be here some Sunday. I met a lady with her husband and 3 children who expressed she was searching for a church where her children could find some instruction.

We generated a lot of good will among so many people who were simply walking by. Almost 1000 fliers were distributed that advertised our Franciscan Christmas: the Nativity displays and the outdoor Live Nativity and the Dec. 3 Concert by the Southern Gateway Men’s Chorus. Maybe best of all, this was an event that saw the involvement of so many of our parishioners. I have no idea how many people baked goodies, brought food and water donations. There were volunteers all 4 evenings who took turns hosting inside the church and the many who staffed our refreshment table where people could purchase a hotdog, chips, water and make a donation for those baked goods. We deposited \$1,444 in proceeds. There were also donations in the box in the church to the sum of \$497. While making money was not a big objective of our Blink presence, donations of over \$1,900.00 is good!

Thanks to Jim Loughery and his wife Mia who provided some hours of organ and piano music on Friday and Saturday evenings, along with Dave Frondorf for an hour on Thursday. Special thanks to those who were here all 4 nights: John Reder and Lois Biddle at our sales tables outside, Bro. Tim in and around the church from start to finish. It was just a great time for all who were able to get involved.



Do Small Things with Great Love!



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.

School request for Food and Personal Items:

The blue bin is now in church so that you can respond to our Principal’s request to help families at our school. **Food:** peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, soup, baked beans, canned vegetable and fruit, instant mashed potatoes, canned ravioli, brownie mix, mac and cheese, rice, ramen noodles. **Personal and cleaning:** girl’s antiperspirant/deodorant, bar soap, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper.

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 with subject line “SFS Racism Program.” You can also register by calling the parish office at 513-535-2719.

Upcoming Events

Oct 23 Parish Worship Committee 11:30am
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, St. Meinrad Abbey
Oct. 29 First session of 5 Saturdays of Breaking Open the Sin of Racism, 1pm
 Fr. Al is the celebrant for the 4pm Mass at St. Clement Church, in St. Bernard, the other church in our Franciscan Family.
Nov. 1 Feast of All Saints. Masses at 8am and 6pm.
 Parish Council meets at 6:45pm for a meet and greet, eat and speak about our role in the coming year.
Nov. 2 Feast of All the Departed. A Remembrance Service is in the church at 6pm