

30 31st Sunday *Gregory Weber *Geofrey Yager	31	November 1 Feast of All Saints Mass at 8am and 6pm.	2	3	4	5 *Josephine Levin
6 32nd Sunday *Michael Binder	7	8 Election Day	9 *Shannon McDevitt	10 *Gary Robbins	11	12 *Gregory Kleinschmidt

Minister Schedule for November 6

Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer, Karen Skillman
Lector 1: Clarissa Irvin
Lector 2: Diana Campbell
Intercessions: Karen Skillman
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney
Collection: Barbara Bok, John Reder

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.

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel, Monday-Friday. You can request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. A number of parishioners participate in this Mass on a daily or weekly basis. You are invited.

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,



Winner-A-Day Winners: 10/24-10/30

James Ford, ADCO Heating, Mary Herbers, Joyce Hoffman, John Rauf, Sherri Roberto, Antoinette Mellet. 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.



National Vocations Awareness Week

(November 6-12)
 We all know there are considerably less men and women responding to the calls to Religious Life and Priesthood. But the crisis in Marriage is also dramatic. In the United States in 1970 there were 426,309 Catholic Weddings. In 2000, there were 261,626. Eleven years later, there were only 97,200 Catholic Weddings in 2021. There were 77% fewer newlyweds last year than there were in 1970. In that same time, priestly ordinations dropped 54%. The beauty of Catholic Marriage and family life is something we need to uphold, celebrate, encourage and pray for! How good that we have been celebrating 25, 40 and 50th wedding anniversaries in our parish this year.



Hearing Assistance Available...If you have difficulty hearing clearly, our church is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask for a receiver.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

31st 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!


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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. 23
 Sunday Collection: \$2,136.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 650.00
 Total: \$2,786.00
 Thank you! 

Beacons of Light, Family of Parishes
 We are starting to swing into action! Both St. Clement and St. Francis Seraph will have members on our Pathways Team—tasked with beginning to generate ideas on how our two parishes can move toward functioning together. Along with Fr. Al will be Bro. Tim, Amy Dressman and Dave Frondorf from St. Francis. Our first meeting with our liaison, Malachi Lawrence, will meet in early November.



Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Pastor's Corner 
 This has been an unusual fall for me being away for 4 days for the Priest Convocation in late September and most recently for 5 days of retreat at the end of October. Now an opportunity has come my way for a week of vacation, Nov. 5-12! Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM, will celebrate our Sunday Mass on November 6. Various Friar-priests will celebrate the weekday Masses. I'll be back for the Sunday Mass on November 13.

Fr. Al

Finance Committee Meeting report
 Now that Henry Stacey has been elected to the Parish Council, a new member for the Finance Committee will be appointed to take his place. At our November 20 meeting, we reviewed the first quarter financial report alongside the new budget. Everything seemed to be good. In the first months of the school year there is always a deficit waiting for all the Ed Choice voucher checks to arrive, but we maintain a healthy balance in our checking account so there is no problem. Fr. Al updated the members on our Fundraising efforts for the 1600 Vine renovations. Grant requests are being submitted to various foundations who will hopefully find this project attractive! Fred Robertshaw will study our Endowment Fund and advise us on how we should manage our eventual payment to the Province from this fund for the HVAC project. If possible, the committee is hoping the Franciscan Province can wait a while for the stock market to recover before we have to make this withdrawal. We also began looking at expenses that the parish can expect a year from now when the Province has closed and the friary will be closer to being sold. The friary has been paying all of our utilities, almost all maintenance and cleaning. The Franciscan Province has been paying for all the security and most of our printing needs. There will need to be decisions made as to just how we will handle a lot of these expenses, the regular security being the most expensive.


SFS School is still accepting food and personal hygiene products. Bring your items to church and they will be of great use in the school pantry.



God is Our Wireless Provider!




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.

Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
 “Serving Those Who Serve.” The purpose of this collection to increase awareness and support of the mission of the Catholic Church as she ministers to all the men and women serving in the military and their families. This “Archdiocese” is unlike others, with no formal parishes to help support the chaplains and all the usual pastoral care. Special envelopes are provided for this collection and you will find them on the back tables.

Upcoming Events
Nov. 1 All Saints Day. Our Holy Day Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 6pm. Both will probably be in the chapel. The Parish Council will come together after the 6pm Mass, in the courtyard for a meal, a get-to-know you time and some reflections on parish needs, sharing of concerns and ideas.
Nov. 2 All Souls Day. We have **CANCELLED** this evening service, recognizing that we have had hardly any member of the parish die in this past year. On an upcoming November Sunday, we will have an opportunity to recognize some deaths with candles and names.

The following is a “Franciscan Model of Civil Discourse”  promoted by the Franciscan Action Network. It is called The Francis Pledge, a commitment to civility in discourse:

- + Facilitate a forum for difficult discourse and acknowledge that dialogue can lead to new insight and mutual understanding.
- + Respect the dignity of all people, especially the dignity of those who hold an opposing view.
- + Audit myself and utilize the terms or a vocabulary of faith to unite or reconcile rather than divide conflicting positions.
- + Neutralize inflamed conversations by presuming that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.
- + Collaborate with others and recognize that all human engagement is an opportunity to promote peace.
- + Identify common ground such as similar values or concerns and utilize this as a foundation to build upon.
- + Support efforts to clean up provocative language by calling policy makers to their sense of personal integrity.

Zacchaeus received Amazing Grace from the Lord: He once was lost but now is found, he was “short,” but now can see! (better!)