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Minister Schedule for November 20
Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan, Don and Kathy Meyer
Lector 1: Steve Sparks
Lector 2: Joan Monin Callahan
Intercessions: Dave Frondorf
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Joan Callahan

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.

SFS School is still accepting food and personal hygiene products. Bring your items to church and place in the bin at the foot of the ramp on the left side of church. They will be of great use in the school pantry.

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.



Winner-A-Day Winners: 11/7-11/13
 Tim Candelaresi, Don Meyer, Lee Fette, John Rauf, Dennis Berning, Sue Krizmanich, Theresa Borgman. 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.



HVAC Update Work continues every day on the installation of the new Heating System and the addition of Air Conditioning. With no heat in the church during these weeks, we've been blessed that temperatures have been around 70 degrees on our Sundays, but not today! We are supposed to have the new heating system up and running before Thanksgiving. But before that, there could be a Sunday when we all feel cool! There are still potentially some additional gifts to be made to this campaign to raise funds for this project. We have exceeded what I thought was possible. Your gifts to this cause and regular support of the parish are evidence of a deep appreciation for what this church is and yet will be! We are truly investing in the future.

Thanksgiving Day Mass... Before the turkey is ready to go in the oven and the pies are ready to be baked, and before the football games begin, and company arrives, come and give thanks to God on Thursday, November 24, at our annual SFS Thanksgiving Day Parish Mass at 10AM.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
 THE HEART OF OVER-
 THE-RHINE**
 1615 Vine Street
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 Office: (513) 535-2719

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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 Visitors!



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 10:00 a.m.
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 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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Stewardship - Week Ending Nov. 6
 Sunday Collection: \$3,665.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,250.00
 Total: \$4,915.00



Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfsparish.org. We do not pass a collection basket during Mass.

November-Remembering All the Faithful Departed.



Today and next Sunday, the Book of the Dead will be displayed on Sunday mornings. Feel free to add the names of your loved ones and friends who have died during the previous year (Nov. 1, 2021 thru Oct. 31, 2022) in this book on the page marked “Family and Friends.”

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Pastor’s Corner



Our first gathering of the newly-elected Parish Council took place after the evening Holy Day Mass on Nov. 1. It gave the six elected members an opportunity to meet each other and get to know one another, along with Tim and me. We have set the date of November 29 for our first official meeting. We also spent time talking about some of the challenges ahead, the issues we need to address and ideas we might generate for the growth of our parish.



One of the challenges will be adjusting to the Family of Parishes. Fr. EJ and I met by zoom with our Franciscan Provincial Council on Nov. 2. We wanted to inform them and ask for advice as to how we proceed. There are expectations in this Beacons of Light program that each family eventually becomes a new parish (this does not exclude still having two sites, two schools, etc.) It might mean a new name for the new parish. It is expected that there will be one pastor and one parish council. The leadership of the new parish could involve a new model of ministries, the merger of roles. Interestingly, each parish in the family of parishes is expected to keep finances separate. Who knows what the future will bring? Hopefully, our Pathways Team will help us with plans for assisting our two parishes in drawing together more, learning more about our two unique parishes.

As I know more, I will share more. For this model to work throughout the Archdiocese there will need to be a lot of cooperation on the part of many parishioners. I know we will need to pray for an openness to where God is calling us.

Fr. Al

Advent Additions...



Starting the First Sunday of Advent, we will re-institute the Offertory Procession, inviting families and individuals to bring forward the bread and wine. We also hope to once again have altar servers/acolytes assisting at the Mass. We are asking again if there are people who would like to serve in this position, maybe a special invitation to some of our young members to get involved in this ministry.

A friendship is a treasure beyond measure.



Your Life Stinks? We Have a Pew for You!



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.

Additional Greeters Needed:

Looking to get involved with a ministry of welcome? We could use your help welcoming parishioners and guests using the east side entrance to the church on Sundays. We are seeking 4-5 persons to serve once a month. You would be scheduled with other greeters to rotate between greeting at the main entrance or at the side entrance. If interested, please send an email to Randy Ulses at cintiowan@yahoo.com



Upcoming Events



Nov. 19. Fourth Session of “Undoing the Sin of Racism.”
Nov. 20. 25th Anniversary Blessing for Dan and Cindy Lewis. Social Action Committee meets 11:30AM in chapel. Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection.
Nov. 24. Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10AM.
Nov. 26. Saturday, 4:00PM Mass at St. Clement Church is celebrated by Fr. Al (Deacon John Gerke is the homilist). St. Clement is part of our Franciscan Family of Parishes located at 4536 Vine Street in St. Bernard. “I am the Vine, you are the branches.” It is Christ Himself who makes us one, but Vine Street is the link for our two branches of this Franciscan Family!
Nov. 27. First Sunday of Advent

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Working on the Margins is this year’s theme.

This special collection on Nov. 20 is an effort of the US Bishops to try and break some of the cycles of poverty. 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous.

Franciscan Christmas is coming!



The weekend after Thanksgiving our church will be open on Fridays, 4:00-7:00PM, Saturdays, Noon-7:00PM and Sundays, Noon-5:00PM. All weekends until January 6. This is a great opportunity to invite people you know—even people who show no interest in church or religion—to come and visit us. Nativity sets from around the world and many other Christmas delights will be on display. (The parking lot behind the school will be open.) And outside in the courtyard, the Live Nativity is open every day from 1-7PM. Children will delight in seeing the live sheep, donkeys, goats! Will there be a camel this year?

