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| 20<br>Christ, the King                                         | 21<br>*Jane Blinka      | 22<br>*Jennifer Sparks | 23<br>Heidi O'Connor | 24<br>Thanksgiving! Mass at 10am           | 25               | 26<br>*Brian Yacucci                                                          |
| 27 Advent<br>*Casey Betz<br>*Michael Flood<br>*John Ruediceuli | 28<br>*Laura Ruediceuli | 29                     | 30                   | December 1<br>*Sara Hughes<br>*Kathy Meyer | 2<br>*Mark Weber | 3 *Cadence Hamilton<br>-Reconciliation Service 10AM<br>-Christmas Concert 7PM |

**Minister Schedule for November 27**  
**Coordinator:** Jeanette Tepe  
**Greeters:** Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller, Marilou Priestle  
**Lector 1:** Ed Aug  
**Lector 2:** Casey Betz  
**Intercessions:** Kathy McConkey  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathy Schellinger  
**Collection:** Tina Candelaresi, Denise Ratterman

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.

The Parish Advent Penance Service will be held on Saturday, December 3, at 10AM in Church. There will be several priests available at this service. Parking available in the school lot. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas.

**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:** 11/14-11/20  
 William Herbert, Michael Murphy, Michael Illing, Lois Glacken, Kathleen Volle, Frances Coors, Carol Sullivan. 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.



As in past years, SFS Parish is asking for your help again this Christmas season. Last year we asked for Kroger Gift Cards, and this program was a huge success. Many individuals in the neighborhood struggle to have food and household supplies in their homes. A basket for the gift cards will be in place next Sunday and the following Sunday. We kindly ask for gift cards in a \$25 donation amount. Please indicate the gift amount of the card. If you are not able to pick up a gift card, monetary donations are also appreciated.

**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 this Thursday, at our annual SFS Thanksgiving Day Parish Mass at 10AM.

**Advent Booklets** are available: "Daily Reflections with SAINT FRANCIS" and "Daily Reflections for ADVENT & CHRISTMAS." You might like to choose one of these to enhance your praying in Advent.



# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF OVER-  
 THE-RHINE**  
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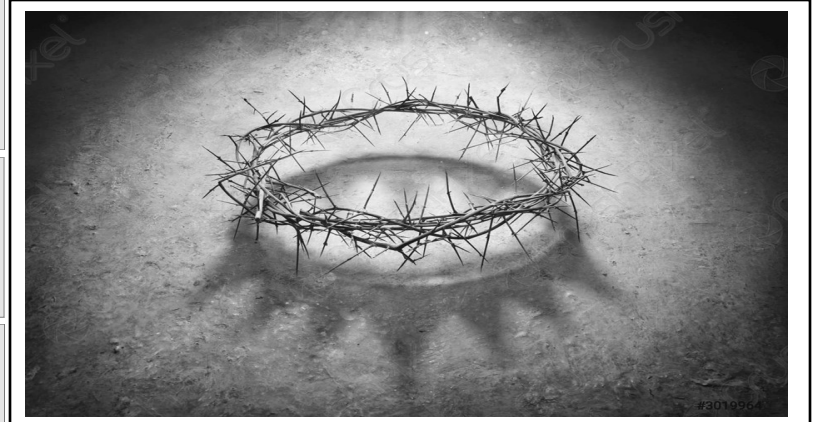
A Roman Catholic Community of Faith welcoming *all* people of faith in the Franciscan Tradition since 1859.

**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.

## Christ, King of the Universe



**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.

**Parish Council**  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending Nov. 13**  
 Sunday Collection: \$ 2,708.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$11,366.02  
 Total: \$14,074.02  
 World Mission Sunday: \$760.00



**Christmas Flower Donations :**  
 Forms are available in church to make a special donation in honor or in memory of another. Or simply make a donation to help us cover the cost of all the beautiful flowers.



*Dear Fellow Parishioners: Thank you for your support of St. George's parish center in Egypt. Together we raised \$3,000. Your contributions will impact many lives in our truly universal church.*  
 Linda Weisgerber and Rita Reichert

*Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.*

## Pastor's Corner

I share a quick story from last Sunday. As parishioners were exiting, I greeted a young man I had not seen before. He told me he was from Poland, visiting some friends for two weeks. He expressed such a joy in having experienced such a strong sense of community at Mass that morning. He described church life in Catholic Poland as many churches with 5 or 6 Masses a day, but no sense of a community as he witnessed at our Mass that day. I expressed my wonderment that he would pick up on this after just one time here!

I know we all believe that a good sense of being a community is essential to our Catholic understanding of Mass. Anywhere, in any church, we can attend a Mass and receive Communion, but the Real Presence of Christ is best experienced when we do this as an alive community.

Our United States Bishops are calling for a National Eucharistic Revival beginning with Ordinary Time in January. Our Archdiocese plans to help us all grow in our appreciation of the gift that we have in the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. More information will be shared in the coming weeks of Advent and Christmas. As parishioners are gradually returning to Mass after this long pandemic, we do want to reinvigorate ourselves as to the importance of this dimension of our Catholic life.

*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.

### November-Remembering All the Faithful Departed.

Today, the Book of the Dead will be displayed to the left of the lectern. 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."



THANKS be to GOD!



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](mailto:cintiowan@yahoo.com)



### Upcoming Events

**Today.** 25th Anniversary Blessing for Dan and Cindy Lewis. Social Action Committee, 11:30AM in chapel. CCHD Collection, (see below)  
**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  
**Nov. 29** Parish Council Meeting, 6:30PM  
**Dec. 3** Advent Reconciliation Service 10AM  
 Undoing the Sin of Racism, final session, 1-3PM  
 Southern Gateway Men's Chorus in Church 7PM  
**Dec. 8** Immaculate Conception Holy Day, Masses at 8AM and 6PM.



### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**Working on the Margins** is this year's theme. This special collection, **TODAY**, 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, 4-7PM, Saturdays, Noon-7PM and Sundays, Noon-5PM, 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?

