

8 Epiphany. Anointing of the Sick *Jonas Hill	9	10	11 *Carl Hemmelgarn	12 *Jeff Allen *Lizzy Geers -Christmas Cleanup	13 *Susan Schmid	14 *Pablo Rosales *Tom Wanner
15 2nd Sunday	16 *Elizabeth Hill	17 *Kasia Solomianko Blair	18	19 *Bill Otto *Steve Sparks	20	21

Minister Schedule for January 15
Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan, Don and Kathy Meyer
Lector 1: Joan Monnin Callahan
Lector 2: Ed Aug
Intercessions: Robert Dahlstrom
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers, Clarissa Irvin
Collection: Barbara Bok, Anne Burkhart

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 Mass...As part of a national Eucharistic Revival, our Archbishop invites Catholics to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series, beginning Jan. 8 thru Feb. 12. Sign up for free at catholicaoc.org/.

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.



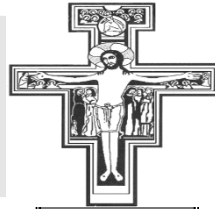
Winner-A-Day Winners: 1/2-1/8 August Kramer, Star Alexander, Howard Rottinghaus, Raymond Harrigan, Dehmer Scholarship, Jaylee Becker, Rose Segbers. All are \$25 winners! The Winner-A-Day Hopper has lots of room. Have you purchased your tickets yet? If not, call the parish office at 513-535-2719 so your 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.



SAINT FRANCIS SERAPH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING
 All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of the **Women's Group, this Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 am** in the **Friary Dining Room**. Special guest speaker this month will be **Fr. Jon McClish**, who is the Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church here in Cincinnati. Continuing our year-long reflection on Mary, Fr. Jon's presentation will be **"Praying with Icons – Mary the Theotokos."** *Fr. Jon was recently ordained (February 2022) as a priest in the Greek Orthodox faith-tradition. His presentation will guide us into an understanding of religious icons in general and as a vehicle 'through which' our prayers may be carried to God through the Mother of Jesus (Theotokos). Coffee and refreshments will be served.*



Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in 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.

The Epiphany of the Lord



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 AM
Weekday Mass
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 AM
Holy Days
 8:00 AM. & 6:00 PM

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Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 1
 Sunday Collection: \$6,303.00
 Mail-in Collection: \$5,186.00
 Total: \$11,489.00

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Upcoming Events
Jan. 8 Feast of the Epiphany;
 Anointing of the Sick after Mass
Jan. 14 Women's Group, 10AM
Jan. 12 Undecorate the Church 6pm
Jan. 12 Pathways Team Meeting at 6:30PM
Jan. 15 MLK, Jr. Holiday weekend
 Mary Pat Raupach, Executive Director of
 St. Francis Ministries, will speak at Mass.
Jan. 17 Parish Council Meeting, 6:30PM
Jan. 22 Social Action Committee, 11:30AM
Jan. 22 Worship Committee meets, 11:30AM
Jan. 26 Parish Finance Commission meets.

Pastor's Corner...We enter 2023 with a lot of challenges and opportunities ahead of us as a parish. The Archdiocesan Program of Beacons of Light will become more of a priority. Our Pathways Team meets with the team from St. Clement on Jan. 12. I'll keep you updated on what these discussions will entail. An important aspect of these Families of Parishes is the decision by Fr. EJ and me to participate with many others families in the Catholic Leadership Institute's survey called Discipleship Maker Index: "This 75-question survey is a tool that invites parishioners to reflect on where they are on their journey of discipleship and enables parish leadership to make data-driven decisions to help parishioners grow in their faith." CLI oversees the process and provides the survey on line, while the parish will make some copies for those who do not use computers. I believe this survey is going to be available by the end of January. There are 4 categories of questions: Attitudes and Beliefs; Participation—frequency of involvement in parish events; Relationship/Satisfaction—with parish, pastor and parish activities; Demographics—gender, age ethnicity, etc. In some places where the DMI has been offered, only 15% or so of parishioners participated! Good grief! I know we will do so much better than that. From various surveys and studies across the United States:
39% --the number of parishioners who want to grow in their faith.
31% --of registered US Catholics attend Mass weekly
80% --of all donations are made by 6.8% of parishioners. (*I know our parish is supported by a much higher percentage of members!*)
8.3 Million people are estimated to leave the Church in the next 10-20 years. None of these statistics are very uplifting. The hope, of course, is that our diocese and parish can help more people take faith seriously. Also, in 2023, the Franciscan Province of St. John the Baptist will merge into the new coast-to-coast Province of Our Lady Guadalupe. In October, the large friary will become almost completely vacant. This will necessitate our planning for a new location for parish offices. Much change lies ahead. Our staff and parish council will have our work cut out for us.

Fr. Al



What Gifts Do You Bring to the Lord?

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.

From the Parish Office:
 We are working on the annual contribution letters for those who contributed \$250 or more for 2022 (IRS rule). If you contributed to the HVAC fund, that will NOT BE INCLUDED in your contribution letter. If you need a letter for that, please email Joe Pearce at JoeEPearce@SFSParish.org and he will send you one. We keep that record separate.

Exercise daily...Walk with the Lord.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick...
 After Mass today, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Two of our parishioners have surgeries approaching and others might like to take advantage of this sacrament of healing. Parish members are always welcome to stay for these few extra minutes to pray with those being anointed.



Interfaith Hospitality Network
 Our parish, through the leadership of our Social Action Committee, is venturing into being a support church in this city-wide effort to provide shelter and food to homeless families. We want to partner with Christ Church Cathedral when they host a week (about 5 weeks a year). As a support church, we provide several nights of supper, being evening hosts and two people spending the night. Our first participation will be as observers on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, so we can learn what is expected us as a part of a support team. If you are interested, you can contact Deacon Don Meyer at 513-235-3430 or themeyer10@gmail.com.

"What goes up must come down."
 The decorations that went up before Christmas here in Church must now come down. And we will do that this Thursday, at 6:00pm. Many hands make light work. Please come and lend a hand and make use of a great volunteer opportunity. Refreshments, food and fellowship will be provided (after the work is completed!)



Christmas Flowers donations
 On a table in the back of church, in two frames, are the names of all those who made donations for flowers—some in remembrance or honor of others. Thank you to all who made these extra contributions to pay for all the beautiful flowers!

Breathe in God's Spirit; Exhale God's Love.