

15 2nd Sunday	16 *Elizabeth Hill	17 *Kasia Solomianko Blair	18	19 *Bill Otto *Steve Sparks	20	21
22 -Social Action 11:30 -Worship 11:30	23 *Gale LaWarre	24 *Bert Sheard	25	26	27 *Pete Wanner	28

**Minister Schedule for January 22**

Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe  
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller  
 Marilou Priestle  
Lector 1: Dave Frondorf  
Lector 2: Tim Candelaresi  
Intercessions: Kathy McConkey  
Eucharistic Minister: T. Candelaresi, K. Schellinger  
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Rita Reichert


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, online now thru Feb. 12. Sign up for free at catholicac.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:** 1/9-1/15   
 Lin Jung, Eileen Hunsche, Janice Fessel, Mary Ann Grosser, Patrick McMahon, Lee Moeller, Brenda Beluan. 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.

**Catholic Schools Week 2023!**  
 During the week of January 29, Catholic Schools across the nation celebrate the distinguished history of excellence of our Catholic schools and pray for God's blessings. Our schools are planning many events in recognition of this week. Archbishop Schnurr will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 10AM. (A banner procession of all the Cincinnati area schools begins at 9:40AM.)

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.

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



# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF  
 OVER-THE-RHINE**  
 1615 Vine Street  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202  
 Office: (513) 535-2719  
 Parish Website:  
[sfsparish.org](http://sfsparish.org)

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!

**Sunday Mass**  
 10:00 AM  
**Weekday Mass**  
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 AM  
**Holy Days**  
 8:00 AM. & 6:00 PM

**Parish Council**  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 8**  
 Sunday Collection: \$3,384.00  
 Mail-in Collection: \$2,800.00  
 Total: \$6,184.00  
 December PayPal Donations: \$14,523.00

**Upcoming Events**  
**Today** MLK, Jr. Holiday weekend  
 Mary Pat Raupach, Executive Director  
 of St. Francis Ministries, and Theresa Diersen,  
 Volunteer Service Director 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. 23** Racism Committee meets, 10:30 AM  
**Jan. 26** Parish Finance Commission meets.  
**Jan. 29** Catholic Schools Week begins.

“The old law about ‘an eye for an eye’ leaves everybody blind. The time is always right to do the right thing.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Pastor’s Corner**

As a 17 year old senior in high school (1968), I wanted to enter a speech contest in the Cincinnati area, encouraged to do so by our speech and music teacher. (I was in our high School seminary in Mt. Healthy.) I chose to memorize and proclaim Martin Luther King, Jr.’s, “I Have a Dream” speech that he delivered at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963. Imagine, this skinny white boy trying to emulate this impressive Black Baptist preacher at one of King’s peak moments! I won no prize in that contest, but I won a deep appreciation for Dr. King and his vision. A couple of months later we were in study hall when one of the priests informed us that King had been assassinated in Memphis. I was visibly shaken and cried. I learned, too, that he had been in Memphis to support the striking sanitation workers. My own father had been in that job for many years under the title of Street Commissioner in my home town of Batesville. He worked on the garbage truck. This weekend, our nation honors **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** In our first reading today, Isaiah speaks of a servant who will be a light to the nations. Certainly, King fits that description. In the second reading, Paul introduces himself to the Church at Corinth as an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God. Thus, too, was Martin Luther King an apostle. In our Gospel, John gives witness to the Spirit that has come down upon Jesus. That Spirit also anointed Dr. King. Yes, Monday is a national holiday, but for many it is also a kind of holy day.

*Fr. Al*

**St. Francis Seraph Ministries/  
 St. Anthony Center**  
 Joining us today are **Mary Pat Raupach**, the Executive Director of the Ministries, and **Theresa Diersen**, the Volunteer Service Director. Together they will share with us some opportunities to get involved with the various ministries offered at the Center. A great way to respond to the inspiring life of Dr. King might be to find a way that you can do some of the works of justice and charity. Contact Theresa Diersen at 513-549-0542, ext. 289 or [tdiersen@sfsministries.org](mailto:tdiersen@sfsministries.org).



**FOR unto us, a son is GIVEN**

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.

**2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**  
 It is time to kick off the 2023 CMA Appeal throughout the Archdiocese. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds and heals. In our local community, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is a major source for funding these vital services. Please consider supporting this year’s CMA. Our parish goal is \$11,093. Many parishioners should soon receive a mailed envelope with information and a reply envelope for your donation. Some will be provided in the church. You can visit [catholicaoc.org/CMA](http://catholicaoc.org/CMA) for more information or online donating.



**Discipleship Maker Index**  
 I am very excited to announce that we will be participating in a parish -wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, a non-profit Catholic apostolate that does leadership training and development. But I need your help. We want as many parishioners as possible to complete a 10-15 minute survey. The survey will only be available from January 19 through February 27 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow. It will be available online and in paper format with more instructions to follow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. The survey results will be invaluable to me, the staff, and our many volunteers as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey. I look forward to sharing the findings with you when the project is complete! Thank you for helping with this important project!

*Fr. Al*



**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](mailto:themeyer10@gmail.com).