

22 -Social Action 11:30 -Worship 11:30	23 *Gale LaWarre	24 *Bert Sheard	25	26	27 *Pete Wanner	28
29 4th Sunday *Jodie Stacey	30	31	Feb. 1	2	3	4 *Rita Reichert

Minister Schedule for January 29

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Greta Benton, Clarissa Irvin,
 Volunteer(s)
Lector 1: Jeanette Tepe
Lector 2: Casey Betz
Intercessions: Veree Russell
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Reichert, Jerry Diersing
Collection: Denise Ratterman, Ken Horne

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.

Low-gluten hosts are available for those with a gluten allergy. Simply come to Communion where Fr. Al is distributing and let him know you need such a host. He has them in a separate container.

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: 1/16-1/22
 Lee Moeller, Susan Hesketh,
 Hannah Hill, Betty Lehr, Rosemary
 Lang, ADCO Heating, August Kramer.
 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.



In keeping with the philosophy of our
 earth-friendly patron St. Francis...
 Most communities have a Christmas
 tree recycle program. They pick up
 your tree at curbside in January or you
 can take it to a recycle site. But here are some
 other ideas: Take your tree to your backyard. It
 works as a great hiding place for birds, small
 animals, and outdoor creatures that are good for
 your garden. Add stringed popcorn and pine
 cones covered in peanut butter and bird seed and
 you feed those creatures and encourage them to
 stay in your garden. In the spring you can use the
 needles as mulch and garden paths and chop the
 branches for more mulch and borders.



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

Faith is a journey, not a destination.

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 corner-
 stone 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
 Kay Brogle
 Gary Favors
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Director of Faith
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 Jim Loughery
SFS School:
 513-721-7778
 Principal:
 Joe Clements

Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 15
 Sunday Collection: \$2,299.00
 Mail-in Collection: \$1,270.00
 Total: \$3,569.00

Remembering/Gifting St. Francis in your will. Some people are in a position to include our church when planning for wills and trusts. How blessed this parish has been to receive some gifts over the years!

Upcoming Events
Today Social Action Committee, 11:30AM
Today 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.

Pastor's Corner

I'll try my best to keep you informed about the progress of our St. Francis and St. Clement **Pathways Team**. Our team consists of both pastors and three other members from each parish. Representing our parish are: Bro. Tim, Amy Dressman and Dave Frondorf. From St. Clement are: Gene Pancheri, Diane Smith and Mary Beth Asbach. Malachi Lawrence is serving as our liaison for this process. (Malachi has attended several Sunday Masses here. Gene has agreed to be our coordinator.) Our January 12th meeting was very much getting to know one another and establishing some trust and communication. While the archdiocese sets goals and timelines, we know we are not strictly held to these. Each family of parishes will proceed at their own pace. This committee is supposed to design the processes by which eventually the Leadership Team (parish staff) will carry on. There is an expectation that there will officially be one pastor, one parish council, a staff that somehow serves both locations. We are working under the assumption that both our current parishes will thrive, we will keep both schools. Eventually, this new parish will have a new name. Most probably, that means we would identify ourselves as the church of St. Francis Seraph in the Parish of ____?? _____. At our meeting, we honestly discussed matters of finances. We could eventually see the finances of the two parishes combined. I don't as of now see any changes in personnel. We will meet again in February.

Fr. Al

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 or call the office and he will send you one. We keep that record separate.



New Year Resolutions Going Well?



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)
 This Sunday, Fr. Al will announce the 2023 Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of many parish families, we exceeded our 2022 goal of \$8,668 by contributing \$8,795. Of course, as our collections increase, the formula for assigning each parish's goal sees how generous we are, so our goal has risen to **\$11,093**. Many households will receive a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. You can complete your pledge card (with or without full payment) to the parish. On Feb. 6, Commitment Sunday, we will have in-pew information and pledge cards.

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.)

St. Francis Seraph School is a great place to volunteer as a tutor or library helper. Contact Traci Hooks at thooks@sfschool.com or call the school at 513-721-7778.

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 is now available 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