

Jan/Feb 2023 (* birthday)

29 4th Sunday *Jodie Stacey	30	31	Feb. 1	2	3	4 *Rita Reichert
5 5th Sunday *Maureen Keeley	6 *Diane Cunningham *Mark Helmick *Thomas Meyer	7	8 *Caroline Brock	9	10	11

Minister Schedule for February 5

Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer
 Karen Skillman, Jeanette Yacucci
Lector 1: Brian Yacucci
Lector 2: Diana Campbell
Intercessions: Clarissa Irvin
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Brogle, T. Candelaresi
Collection: Dave Frondorf, 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.

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13	Is 58:7-10
1 Cor 1:26-31	1 Cor 2:1-5
Matthew 5:1-12a	Mathew 5:13-16



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: 1/23-1/29
 John Greulich, Evelyn Habermehl, Chad Creed, Jim Artmayer, Tim Kell, Joseph Thierauf, Larry Babe..
 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.



Discipleship Maker Index is a diocesan parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, a non-profit Catholic apostolate that does leadership training and development. We want as many parishioners as possible, 15 and older, to complete a 10-15 minute survey. The survey is now available <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yt1gly> thru Feb. 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. The link can also be found in our parish website. A paper format is also available. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. The survey results will be invaluable to pastors, the staff, and our many volunteers as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey. The results of the survey will be shared when tabulated. Thanks for taking part in this.



Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

4th 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

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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 Welcome
 All
 Visitors!
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 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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 Joe Clements

Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 22 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,205.00
 Mail-in Collection: \$5,610.00
 Total: \$6,815.00

Upcoming Events 
Today Catholic Schools Week begins.
Today Worship Committee at 11:30AM
Jan. 30 Breaking Open Sin of Racism Team
 10:30 AM
Feb. 1 Social Action Committee, 11:30AM
Feb. 9 Pathways Team, 6:30PM at SFS
Feb. 11 Women’s Group, 10AM
Feb. 21 Parish Council at 6:30AM
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
 Mass Times: 7:45AM St. Clement
 12:10PM at St. Clement
 6:00PM here at St. Francis Seraph
 7:15PM at St. Clement

Pastor’s Corner

Today begins **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**. At our Mass this morning, several children from our school will proclaim the Scripture Readings, using the version from the Young People’s Lectionary. As I write this, we are hoping some of our students will volunteer to be at Mass so they can sign the Our Father as we sing. Our Principal, Mr. Joe Clements, will speak for a little while at the announcement time.

Currently, our school enrollment sits at 150. Of course, we will be working to invite more area families to consider sending their children to our school. None of the children in our school are Catholics. We are often reminded, “We don’t provide a Catholic School because the children are Catholic, but because WE are Catholic.” Sharing the faith is such an important dimension of who we are as Catholics.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Archbishop Schnurr celebrates a 10:00AM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Some of our students will attend and I will be among the pastors joining the Archbishop to celebrate this Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. (A banner procession of all the Cincinnati area schools is scheduled to begin at 9:40am.)

In the coming years, there is the hope that our parishioners and school families will find more ways for all of us to interact.
Fr. Al


Some random school quotes:
 “Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.” Martin Luther King, Jr.
 “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” Dr. Seuss
 “Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.” Malala Yousafzai
 “If you think your teacher is tough, wait ‘til you get a boss.” Bill Gates
 “An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic Schools.” Pope Francis




Change the World: Teach a Child!



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.

If God is your co-pilot - swap seats.

2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) 
 The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the annual campaign to support six local ministries that teach, feed, and heal. The six ministries are: St. Rital School for the Deaf, Retired Archdiocesan Priests, Campus, Hospital and Prison Ministry, Catholic Charities and Social Services, and Seminary and Vocations. 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.

Parish Council Notes
Deacon Don Meyer volunteered to be the secretary for our Council. That will allow all the members to be engaged in the conversations. **Joe Clement**, our school principal, joined us for the first part of the meeting to share information about the school and answer questions. We appointed liaisons to the principal ministries of our parish: Rita Reichert—Worship; Kay Brogle—Social Action; Mary Geers—Faith Formation; Gary Favors—School; Henry Stacey—Finance Commission. Fr. Al reported on the progress of the program, renovation plans and the financing of the 1600 Vine Street Building. Bro. Tim updated things about HVAC—Council wants Fr. Al to present a final report to the parish. Under New Business, we initiated some discussion about our parish’s approach to care for the folks on the streets, specifically our daily attention to the folks who come into the church and how best to meet their needs, recognizing that we can’t do everything and we need to rely on the other services that are provided in OTR. We then briefly endorsed the idea of combining/sharing some liturgical events between St. Clement and SFS, specifically celebrating the Easter Vigil at St. Clement and hosting the Thanksgiving Day Mass here. None of this is confirmed. We agreed that our meetings will regularly be on the third Tuesdays of the month. About a week before the council meeting, Carol Metz, Henry Stacey and Fr. Al have a brief meeting to set agenda. Next Council meeting is Feb. 21.

