

5 5th Sunday *Maureen Keeley	6 *Diane Cunningham *Mark Helmick *Thomas Meyer	7	8 *Caroline Brock	9	10	11 Women's Group 10AM
12 6th Sunday	13 *Jamie Brock *Mary Kay Donahue *Daniel Sheard	14 *Joan Hoxsey	15 *Nancy Frondorf	16	17	18

Minister Schedule for February 12

Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Greeters: Mary Geers, Gregory Weber, Steve and Jennifer Sparks
Lector 1: Mark Kacher
Lector 2: Sue Miele
Intercessions: Moe Nieman
Eucharistic Minister: C. Sherman, K., MacQueeney
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. Greta asks for prayers for better health and strength for her sister, Joann Madden, and prayers for Andrew Fritzpatrick.



Volunteers needed at Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has welcomed an increasing number of refugees to the Cincinnati area over the past year, and we are in need of volunteers to help them settle. We particularly need mentors for refugee youth and drivers to help get furniture into homes. Our interpretation service, AccuracyNow, is seeking interpreters in several languages, particularly Spanish. Our Caregiver Assistance Network needs volunteers to assist with caregiver support groups, Powerful Tools for Caregiver classes and the Creative Connections program. Next Sunday, Feb. 12, staff from Catholic Charities will be here to answer questions about these programs and offer information about how you can volunteer.



Winner-A-Day Winners: 1/30-2/5
 Marilyn Meyer, Ed Behne, \$100, last day of month, Lynn Enginger, Alma Grimes, Donald Menner, Connie Vogt, Dick Schewene. All others 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

**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.

5th 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 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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 Word!


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 10:00 AM
Weekday Mass
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 AM
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Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 29 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,490.00
 Mail-in Collection: \$1,975.00
 Total: \$3,465.00

Parish email List 
 On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the parish office sent out an “email blast” with the information about the survey: Disciple Maker Index.
 Obviously, we still have parishioners with email addresses who did not receive this information. Sheets are available in church this Sunday to give us your email address if you did NOT receive that email. Our office will do our best to get you added to our data base. In some cases, we may have only one email where two people are involved, each with your own email.

Pastor’s Corner

This Sunday we begin the annual observance of **Black History Month**. Late last fall, a team of parish members presented the Archdiocesan program called “Breaking Open the Sin of Racism.” Usually about 25 people attended each of the 5 sessions. Now that team is meeting to continue to offer ways for our parishioners to address the **SIN OF RACISM**. Liturgically this month, we hope to enhance our Sunday Mass with more elements and environment that remind us of the great contributions of the African American community. All of the Franciscan Friars of our Province of St. John the Baptist are engaging in some activities to help us deal with racism. Each friar is currently reading the book by Dan Horan, OFM, **A White Catholic’s Guide to Racism and Privilege**. A zoom conference on January 30 was also part of our Franciscan commitment to face the realities of racism in our society, our church and in each one of us. Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre, Louisville, Chairman of the USCCB Committee Against Racism said on August 27, 2020: “The sins of violence, injustice, racism and hatred must be purged from our communities with acts of mercy, with the protection and care for the dignity of every human person, with respect for the common good and with an unwavering pursuit of equality and peace.” Personally, I am committed to make another visit to The Underground Freedom Center this month. It has been several years since I was last there and I want to spend more time taking in all of this history in a museum right here in our own city. What might you plan to do this month to celebrate, educate?
Fr. Al


Black History Month is an annual celebration and acknowledgment of black people and their achievements throughout U.S. history and the present day. In honor of Black History Month, there are plenty of Cincinnati events for all to enjoy throughout February. Take some time to celebrate the African American culture and to learn more about the past, present and how to continue to preserve it for the future. For more info, go to thevoiceofblackcincinnati.com




Let Your Light Shine!



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.

Upcoming Events
Today 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
 9:AM Mass at SFS w/school community
 12:10PM at St. Clement, 6:00PM, SFS
 7:15PM at St. Clement
Feb. 12 World Marriage Sunday– Blessing for married couples

2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal 
 This is Commitment Sunday for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Pledge cards are in the pews today and a special basket is up front to receive your pledges/gifts. Many parishioners have already received pledge cards in the mail. You can hand those in to the parish who will mail them bundled. The six ministries supported by this appeal are: Catholic Charities and Social Services, St. Rita School for the Deaf, Retired Archdiocesan Priests, Chaplains (Prison, Hospitals and Campus Ministry sites), New Evangelization, Seminary and Vocations. Our **Parish Goal is \$11,093.** (With Fr. Al’s early donation we are now under \$11,000—not much under, of course.) Many gifts of any amount will help us reach our goal and contribute to the good works of these Ministries.

Married Couples Dinner and Dance (and Dating and Engaged Couples)
 On this Saturday (Feb. 11) of World Marriage Weekend, St. Clement School Cafeteria will be the venue for this Dance and Potluck Dinner at 6:30PM. Couples of our “Family” (St. Francis Seraph and St. Clement) are encouraged to come together for this social event. Music provided by DJ, Bill Losh. RSVP suggested at 513-541-3176 or cgerke@stclement.org. Some fliers are available in the back of the church.

SFS Women’s Group Meeting...All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of the Women’s Group on Saturday, February 11, at 10AM. Continuing our Marian theme, this month we will be taking a look at “Devotion to Mary Around the World.” This includes Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico and Latin American countries), Our Lady of LaVang (Vietnam), and Our Lady of Kibeho (Rwanda and Africa.) Fr. EJ Stein, OFM, Pastor of St. Clement Parish (and who was stationed for some time in Galveston, TX) will be one of the presenters. Parking will be available in the SFS School parking lot. Please use the 1615 Vine Street Friary entrance. We hope you will be able to join us on this Marian spiritually tour!