

12 6th Sunday	13 *Jamie Brock *Mary Kay Donahue *Daniel Sheard	14 *Joan Hoxsey	15 *Nancy Frondorf	16	17	18
19 7th Sunday *Janet Bodrie *Tina Candelaresi	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday (see bulletin for Mass times)	23	24	25 *JoAnn Schwartz

Minister Schedule for February 19

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Don and Kathy Meyer
Lector 1: Patrick Deavy
Lector 2: Jim Imholte
Intercessions: Karen Weber
Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Diersing, Kathy Schellinger
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Joan Callahan

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.

“A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: May I? Thank You, and I’m sorry. And never, never, never end the day without making peace.” Pope Francis



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: 2/6-2/12

Dennis Bley, Robert Mitchell, J. Stehlin and Sons, Pat Babey, ADCO Heating, Connie Widmer, Laura Santullo. All \$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

6th 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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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 Feb 5
 Sunday Collection: \$4,348.00
 Mail-in Collection: \$ 730.00
 Total: \$5,078.00
 PayPal for January: \$3,645.54



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



As **Black History Month** continues, I’m pleased to let you know that our parish will host the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center’s program: **Race and Racism in Cincinnati**. I am told this is an eye-opening look at the history of our city. These three sessions are scheduled for Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, 1:00-3:30PM. We will meet in the auditorium of our school. Mark your calendars now. It is preferred that you attend all three sessions, but if you need to miss one you will be able to view the videos at another time. Pope Francis: “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” I encourage you to consider attending this series in March.

Last Sunday, there were copies of a brief biography of Fr. Clarence Rivers, the first African-American priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and trailblazer in regard to incorporating African-American music and prayer styles into Roman Catholic Liturgy. Some of these sheets are still available. This week I have some copies of an article about Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth: “Loving your enemies has always been a radical act.”



Fr. Al

Powerful Documentary: “The Letter”

The Archdiocesan Care for Creation Task Force is pleased to invite you to a community screening of the documentary film, *The Letter, on Thursday, Feb. 16, 7:00PM at Xavier University (Conaton Learning Commons, 3725 St. Francis Xavier Way).*



The Letter is a compelling story that features environmental champions from around the world from different faiths and worldviews in their journey to Rome to discuss the encyclical Laudato Si’ with Pope Francis. Each represents an unheard voice in conversations on the planetary crisis: the indigenous, the young, the poor and wildlife. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope included in the film offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became Bishop of Rome.



At the Heart of it All, God Loves Us!



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 Northcrown 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.

Day of Caring Pancake Breakfast

On the last Sunday of February, some churches in Dayton and Cincinnati host this Brunch where all the proceeds are donated to food pantries. St. Clement is a host church for this Brunch on Sunday, Feb. 26, in the school cafeteria, 10:30AM-2:30PM. Proceeds support the St. Clement Free Choice Pantry. Adult donation is \$6.00. Seniors and children under 12, \$4.00.

Wedding Anniversaries in 2023 If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th or 50th Wedding Anniversary

2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal
 Archbishop Schnurr is already expressing thanks to those of our parish who have contributed to the CMA this year. Across the Archdiocese, already \$1,000,000 of the \$5,000,000 goal has been pledged. Envelopes with pledge cards are still in the pews and on the tables in back of church this weekend. It would be great to quickly reach our parish goal of \$11,093!



Upcoming Events

Today World Marriage Sunday– Blessing for married couples
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



The Way of St. Francis A small lending library of Franciscan books will be “rolling out” this weekend. These books will be available for you to take home and read. A simple sign out sheet will be provided. And if you have books to contribute to this little library, please do! Look for the little library in the back of church.

A Retreat in March

“Dying and Rising: A Daily Path to Joy and Resurrection” with Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P. and Bill Tonnis. Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, 5900 Delhi Road. Friday, March 17 @ 5:30PM—Saturday, March 18 @5:00PM. Cost: \$135 per person for overnight option; \$105 for commuting. Some flyers with registration information will be available on the back tables. Register by March 7. Participants must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19. Masks may be required in public areas during the retreat.

this year, you can request a certificate signed by Archbishop Schnurr. Go to cne@catholic.org. A Mass for Golden Wedding Anniversaries will be celebrated at the Cathedral, 11AM, Sun., Aug. 6.