

19 7th Sunday *Janet Bodrie *Tina Candelaresi	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday (see bulletin for Mass times)	23	24	25 *JoAnn Schwartz
26 1st Sunday of Lent *Maria Vanderweker	27	28 *Richard Jutchkins *Grace Harley	March 1 *Susan Fahler Feb 29	2 *David Miller	3 *Nancy Aniskovich *Tina Gallagher *Estellena McConnell	4 *Aaron Burns

Minister Schedule for February 26
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller, Marilou Priestle
Lector 1: Steve Sparks
Lector 2: Karen Skillman
Intercessions: Sr. Theresa Falkenstien
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers, T. Candelaresi
Collection: Dave Frondorf, Randy Ulses

Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office if you or someone in your family is in need of prayer. Call or text him at 513-404-3688.

Disciple Maker Index...
 122 people have so far responded to the survey. You can still complete the survey by Feb. 27. The survey is available at <http://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ytlg1y>. If you require a paper copy, let Fr. Al know this weekend.

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: 2/13-2/19
 Frank Fiorino, Anne Bauer, Rose Ann Langmeier, Ruth Ravenna, Donna Bushman, Donna Mayer, Dennis Schone. 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.



Greetings St. Francis Seraph Parish,
 As we start the Lenten season, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for the generosity you have shown our school over the past few months. We are incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful group supporting us. We have raised close to \$25,000 towards our new boiler. In the coming weeks we will have envelopes in church for anyone who would like to contribute to our fund. We thank you in advance for all that you do for our school.
 Sincerely,
Joe Clements, Principal St. Francis Seraph School



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.

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

7th 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

Parish Council
 Kay Brogle
 Gary Favors
 Mary Geers
 Carol Metz
 Rita Reichert
 Henry Stacey

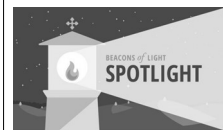
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Stewardship - Week Ending Feb 12 
 Sunday Collection: \$2,577.00
 Mail-in Collection: \$ 980.00
 Total: \$3,557.00

Upcoming Events
Today Gary and Linda Robbins celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary! and will host a social gathering in the friars' dining room after Mass.
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
March 4 First session of Race and Racism Docuseries
March 9 Pathways Team at St. Clement

Pastor's Corner



Beacons of Light is progressing in different ways and at different paces throughout the Archdiocese. Our "Franciscan Family," as you know, consists of the two

parishes of St. Clement and St. Francis Seraph. I would say we are going at a slow pace. At our recent Pathways Team meeting we decided we want to step back from this more top down initiative and start with the grassroots. Mark your calendars. Details will still be evolving, but try to carve out this time in your schedule:
Saturday, April 29, 10:00AM—Noon, followed by a lunch.

This gathering of many parishioners from our two parishes will be hosted at Roger Bacon High School—part of the Franciscan Family! The program will need to be developed, but will include providing some of the information about the hopes of Beacons of Light. Round table discussions with a blend of parish members at the tables will be given the opportunity to surface hopes and dreams, fears and hesitations, ideas of how our two parishes can function as a family. We want to provide child care for our younger families to make it possible to hear those voices, too. Please, look at this date now. Pencil, pen or punch it into whatever kind of calendar you keep. Your participation can really help us look to the future, figure out how our Franciscan parishes can flourish, and what we can accomplish together. If you are curious about this whole Beacons of Light Pastoral Planning, you can go to the website: pathway.catholicaoc.org. Set up an account. Also, beaconsaoc.org for more info.

Fr. Al


Ash Wednesday—February 22
 The special collection on this day is to support the Church in Eastern and Central Europe and in Africa. The needs of our brothers and sisters in these areas are great. Envelopes are in the pews this weekend for use on Wednesday—or the following Sunday. The two Masses here will be at 9:00AM (no 8:00AM Mass) with the school children and again at 6:00PM.



A World of Love Makes a World of Difference



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.

*It is possible to give without loving,
 but it is impossible to love without giving.*

Social Action Committee
 Everyone is welcome to participate in the activities of this committee. We are working as a support congregation to Christ Church Cathedral at 4th and Sycamore on Thursday evenings during weeks they host homeless families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. We will provide them with dinner and evening hosting and 2 people will stay overnight. Thursdays March 9, May 11, August 31 and Nov. 9. If interested in helping with this, please call our parish coordinator, Cindy Lewis at 513-604-1158. We will also plan an advocacy campaign to support Bread for the World urging Congress to support legislation that will provide farm and food programs to feed the hungry. Contact Bob Ehrsam who is coordinating this project at rehrsam@yahoo.com. We are also supporting the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition reaching out to get signatures for this ballot initiative to fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, March 5, after Mass in the chapel.
Deacon Don Meyer

Race and Racism in Cincinnati
 On three consecutive Saturdays, March 4, 11 & 18, IJPC's excellent program on this topic will be presented here at SFS. We will meet in the school auditorium—access by way of the school parking lot, 1:00-3:30PM. Register for this event by email: fkemper@gmail.com with the subject line "IJPC-Racism Docuseries." The Docuseries is a people's history of how race shaped neighborhoods, education and culture in Cincinnati.

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. Fri. March 17, 5:30PM—Sat. March 18, 5:00PM. Some flyers with registration info will be available on the back tables. Register by March 7.