

May 2021

9Sixth Sunday *Greta Niese -Mother's Day	10	11 *Barbara Bok	12 *John Hader	13	14 *Judy Wing	15 Church Window Box Planting 9am
16 Feast of the Ascension	17 *Steve Rollinger	18	19 *Fred Robertshaw	20 *Helen Bender	21	22 *Scott Kiley

Minister Schedule for May 16

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Lector 1: Casey Betz
Lector 2: Moe Nieman
Eucharistic Minister: Tina Candelaresi
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Tina Candelaresi

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel, Monday-Friday. You can request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. A number of parishioners participate in this Mass on a daily or weekly basis. You are invited.

Our parish is now able to provide live-streaming of the 10AM Mass. You can view Mass live on Sunday mornings at 10am at [facebook.com/SFSCChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SFSCChurch) and the Mass and homily videos are generally posted to the parish website later in the day.

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: 4/26-5/2
 Chuck Knepfle, James Saul, Jr., Zoe Priestle, Br. John Carey, Linda Goldschmidt, Michael Nagel, Maria Arand. 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!

The annual St. Francis Seraph Window Box Planting Day will take place this **Saturday, May 15, at 9am**. Make our church florally shine at Liberty and Vine! Please bring a flat of flowers that do well in the sun such as petunias, marigolds and geraniums. A variety of colors are welcomed! A gourmet picnic lunch will follow. If you can't make it, drop off a flat of flowers during the week and it would be much appreciated! Please help. Many hands make for light work.



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A Roman Catholic
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 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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 Visitors!


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Sunday Mass
 10:00 a.m.
Weekday Mass
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

Parish Council
 John D. Back
 Nataliya Kravchenko
 Anthony Newby
 John Reder
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Visit the parish website: sfsparish.org for a history of our parish and the latest news about our church and school, and parish life.

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Stewardship - Week Ending May 2 
 Sunday Collection: \$3,283.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 830.00
 Total: \$4,113.00
 Paypal April Donations: \$2,559.38
 Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$630.00
 Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to the many faithful who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfsparish.org. We do not pass a collection basket during Mass. Instead, we have a collection urn behind the lectern.

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Pastor's Corner



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Yes, it is the 6th Sunday of Easter, but in many of our hearts and minds we are more aware that this is **Mother's Day**. "Laying down your life kind of love" is the theme of Jesus' words in this Sunday's Gospel. So many of us experience that kind of love from our mothers. We prayerfully remember our mothers who have died and we honor and bless the mothers who are part of our parish. Many of us reach out today to mothers who are living far away and to many other women who nurture in so many ways. All of the Scriptures today speak of the essential virtue of love, the command to love. Who better are the examples of love than our mothers?



Beacons of Light: An update. This planning process going on in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati envisions parishes being grouped in "families" where one pastor is designated as the senior pastor. Then the parishes in the family begin to meet and plan for how they will somehow become one family! Because St. Francis Seraph church is owned by the Franciscan Province, we are not a parish the Archbishop would ever assign a pastor if the Franciscans were to leave. I have had a conversation with the director of parish planning and vitality to make clear that we would not need to be included in one of these "families." (The two Jesuit parishes are in a similar situation.) I'll keep you updated as this planning process proceeds.

Fr. Al

Parish Finance Council will meet on May 20. Along with regularly looking at our Financial picture, the members will be looking more closely at possible projects of window restoration, air conditioning and the renovation of the 1600 Vine building. We have a lot going on!

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Today's Readings:
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44
 1 John 4:7-10
 John 15:9-17

Next Sunday:
 Acts 1:1-11
 Eph 1:17-23
 Mark 16:15-20



A Mother's Love Lives in Your Heart Forever

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 and the Moerlein Tap room lots over on Moore Street. Turn from Liberty to Moore Street at the Shell station and there are two parking lots immediately after the school on the left and right across from the tap room. This is free parking for our parish while Sunday Mass is in session. **HELP US GROW!! REGISTER PLEASE!** if you are attending St. Francis Seraph regularly and consider us "your parish"-please register yourself and your family. Forms are available on the table in church.

Marian Retreat and Pilgrimage

33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. Copies of this booklet are available on the back tables of the church if you or your family want to participate in this "retreat" that begins on May 16 and concludes on June 19 with the Marian Consecration, the day of the Archdiocesan Bicentennial. The Center for the New Evangelization is the sponsor of this event. A poster is on the wall of the church which tells you about the **Pilgrimage Route** throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. For more information go to www.mary2021.org.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

St. Anthony Center is happy to announce that Tri-Health is sponsoring vaccinations at our Center on Friday, May 14. (Already there were sessions on April 30 and May 7.) To schedule an appointment call 513-549-0542. The staff at St. Francis Seraph Ministries is diligently trying to get the guests of our Center scheduled for these appointments.



Gracious God, We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today, loving God, we pray for our Mothers: Who cared for us when we were helpless, who comforted us when we were hurt, Whose love and care we often took for granted. Today we also pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother, to those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love, and to families whose mothers are separated by war or conflict. Amen.

A couple of Mother's Day observations:
 How is it possible...when you can't find something in your house, and Mom is asked where it is, the item magically appears?!
 And...A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

Picnics on the Plaza?

Another zoom meeting will be hosted by John Reder to discuss ideas and plans from some summer cookouts in front of the church as a way for members of the parish to build relationships with our neighbors. It could also provide a needed meal for some of the folks who depend upon the agencies in the neighborhood, but there are limited servings on weekends. If you are interested in getting involved in planning contact John at john.reder@cchmc.org.



Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM,

has authored a new book: **NOURISHING LOVE: A Franciscan Celebration of Mary**. Fr. Murray will join us for Sunday Mass, May 16, to introduce this book and copies will be available for sale and the author's signing. In this month of May, you will have a chance to be some of the first to get a copy of this poetic and spiritually enriching book, recently published by Franciscan Media.

