

30 Holy Trinity	31 Memorial Day *Randy Ulses	June 1 *Tom Sikes	2 *Sara Dressman *Jim Schmid	3	4	5 *Craig Weaver
6 Body and Blood of Christ *Elise Bender	7	8	9 *Bob Dahlstrom	10	11 *Mary Ann Knepfle	12 *Clara Weaver

Minister Schedule for June 6

Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer
Lector 1: Clarissa Irvin
Lector 2: Diana Campbell
Intercessions: Dave Frondorf
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney
Collection: Rita Reichert, John Reder

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.

Tomorrow is Memorial Day, and at 3pm, take a moment and observe the National Moment of Remembrance by pausing for 1 minute to remember the men and women who died while serving our country.



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: 5/24-5/30
 Michael Dunphy, Martha Schueler, Mike Hartoin, Rosemary Lang, Ms. Deak, Carolyn Ungruhe, Jaxton Becker. 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!



Picnics on the Plaza! This first, every other Sunday event, will take place shortly after Sunday Mass concludes on June 13. The goal is to provide a simple meal (hot dogs, chips, water) to our neighbors on the streets. The most important goal is to build some relationships between our members and the folks who are so much a part of this neighborhood.

St. Francis Seraph School is offering Summer School beginning June 7. For 4 weeks, Monday-Thursday mornings, children will have the opportunity to catch up on much that was missed during this pandemic year.



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A Roman Catholic
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 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.

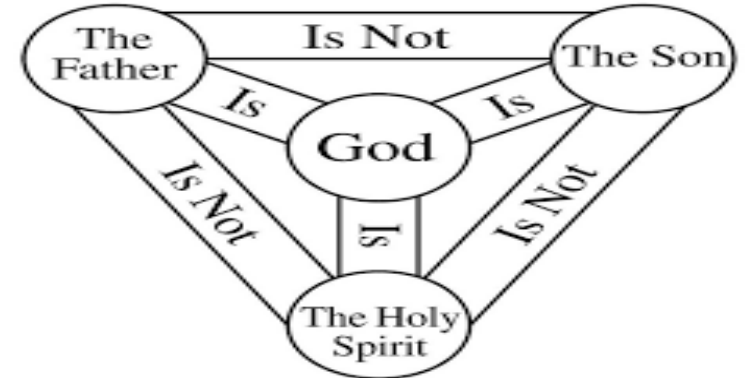
Baptism - Adults: Usually celebrated at Easter Vigil. Preparation in stages through the year.

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.

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity



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 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
 Robb Wing

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 23

Sunday Collection: \$2,439.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 800.00
 Total: \$3,239.00



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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Breakfast 7-9am
 Dinner 4-6pm
 Monday thru Friday.
 Bag Lunch 8:30 to 10:30am
 Monday thru Thursday

Pastor's Corner



Fr. AC is at it again! In a former parish, I led the
 campaign to bring air conditioning to
 the church. The first two initials of my
 name happen to be AC. Thus, "Fr. AC"
 became a title.



Of course, this is a project much larger
 than I! Along with you who were in church last
 Sunday, it is obvious this building can warm up a
 lot! Some open windows and fans will help, but I
 think people will embrace installing AC. After our
 Finance Committee and Parish Council have looked
 at the bids, hopefully a decision will follow quick-
 ly. Stay tuned for ways that you might contribute to
 the funding of this special project. The parish does
 have some funds designated for capital improve-
 ments, our operating fund is certainly showing good
 numbers and we can draw upon some benefits of our
 endowment. Vacation days ahead for Bro. Tim and
 Fr. Al: It just so happens we will both be away for
 some of the same days: Tim, June 5-12 with family
 and Al, June 7-13, with friends.

Fr. Al

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday evening,
 June 3, via zoom. This could be an important
 meeting as we receive recommendations from the
 Finance Committee concerning some big pro-
 jects. Probably in the fall, we will look to have a
 Council election, since the current members have
 been gracious to stay in place during the Covid year
 and a new pastor.

GODISNOWHERE
 (now read it again)

Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office at
 535-2719 if you or someone in your family is
 ill in order to be included in our weekly prayers for
 the sick. The power of prayer is powerful.



Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Today's Readings:
 Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
 Rom 8:14-17
 Matthew 28:16-20

Next Sunday:
 Ex 24:3-8
 Heb 9:11-15
 Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



God Bless America!



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, Fr. Mark!

Our celebrant today for The Most Holy
 Trinity is Fr. Mark Soehner, O.F.M.
 Fr. Mark currently serves the Province of St. John
 the Baptist as Provincial Minister. He also lives
 with Fr. Al and the other friars on Pleasant Street.



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 two 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. 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 til 1pm. 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.



Mask mandate is lifted

Governor DeWine has lifted the mask mandate as
 of June 2. Our Archdiocesan Office of Divine
 Worship and Sacraments therefore informs us we
 can now celebrate Masses without wearing masks!
 Some members may still feel more comfortable
 wearing the masks and we'll keep a section of the
 pews with the possibility for social distancing. We
 anticipate further directives soon regarding
 reception of Communion, exchanging the sign of
 peace, etc. No masks required on Sunday, June 6.

A poem written for the 75th Anniversary of
 St. Francis Seraph Church:

St. Francis of Assisi Church
1859—1934



Not all the yield of Afric mines
 Could fashion diamonds fair as these
 That gem your heaven-holding spires,
 Today, with tender memories,

Church of the Poverello, born
 When prairie wagons rumbled West,
 What epics your worn walls could tell!
 What valiant victories attest!

Within your arms ten thousand babes
 Were washed and clothed in innocence;
 A million sinners kissed your hand
 Wet with their tears of penitence.

Oh, you alone can reckon now
 Those hidden miracles of grace---
 The plighted troths and heart-wrung prayers
 Low whispered here before your face.

Into your fabric poured the blood
 Of rugged German pioneers;
 Their ample boon and widow's mite,
 Love, gallant sacrifice and tears.

Of such your sinew and your bone!
 (No wonder health and vigor glow
 Upon your countenance today
 As seventy-five years ago!)

But to your sires you were far more
 Than church. You were a prophecy---
 The pledge of their perennial hope
 For true religious liberty.

God bless you, emblem of our Faith!
 Forever may your sturdy spires
 Point heavenward---the testament
 Of Francis and his brown-robed Friars!

---Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.