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| 6<br>Body and Blood of Christ<br>*Elise Bender | 7                         | 8  | 9<br>*Bob Dahlstrom | 10                                   | 11<br>*Mary Ann Knepfle | 12<br>*Clara Weaver |
| 13<br>*Kathy Schellinger<br>*Ron Callahan      | 14<br>Picnic on the Plaza | 15 | 16                  | 17<br>*Greta Benton<br><br>*Rob Wing | 18                      | 19                  |

**Minister Schedule for June 13**

**Coordinator:** Lois Biddle  
**Greeters:** Amy Dressman, Moe Nieman  
**Lector 1:** Robert Dahlstrom  
**Lector 2:** Casey Betz  
**Intercessions:** Jeanette Tepe  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Kay Brogle  
**Collection:** J. Monnin Callahan, Tina Candelaresi

We are hoping to expand our music group on Sundays! We have limited space and limited equipment but want to add about 3 more singers. If you are interested in volunteering to join, please contact Jim Loughery (jameswloughery@gmail.com) for more details.

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel, Monday-Friday. You can request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. You are invited.

**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:** 5/31-6/6 Pam Thaxton, \$100 (last day of the month), Greg Friedmann, Norb Kinross, Jeff Schoenfeld, SFS School, Joseph Thierauf, Kathleen Volle. 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!



**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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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
THE HEART OF OVER-THE-RHINE  
1615 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Office: (513) 535-2719

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.

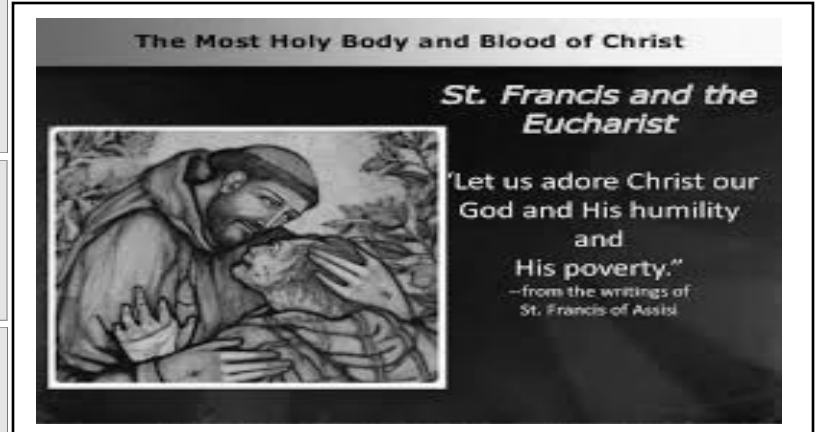
**Baptism - Adults:** Usually celebrated at Easter Vigil. Preparation in stages through the year.

**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.

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**



**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  
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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 30**  
 Sunday Collection: \$2,840.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 1,573.00  
 Total: \$4,413.00



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.

*With each contribution show a cheerful countenance,  
 And pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.  
 Give to the Most High as God has given to you,  
 Generously according to your means.  
 -Sirach 35:8-9*

## Pastor's Corner



On Tuesday evening, May 25, I had another one of those “firsts” in my first year as pastor: St. Francis Seraph School hosted 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. Mr. Mabry spoke from the heart about the struggles this class has known—even wondering if he would see them graduate! Their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year must have been really good. He couldn't say this was the “best” class he has seen in his seven years, so he said it was the “greatest” because of the great turnaround these 11 young men and women exhibited. With the help of CISE and other Catholic School scholarships, 7 of these students will continue their Catholic education at Roger Bacon (4) and one each at Purcell Marian, Elder and St. Xavier. While two are undecided about their choice of high school, one will attend Taft and another Aiken. We wish them all the best in their futures.

I barely got to know these students in the short time I have been with them, but even I felt some of the emotion connected with the graduation. I could see the pride in their families and the sense of satisfaction in our teaching staff. Our school, like all the urban Catholic schools, offers such a great opportunity to these young people for an education founded in Catholic values with discipline, caring faculty, and many educational supports.

I'm grateful for the many people who continue to support our school financially and with volunteer hours.

*Fr. Al*

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.



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

*Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.*

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| Today's Readings:    | Next Sunday: |
| Ex 24:3-8            | Ez 17:22-24  |
| Heb 9:11-15          | 2 Cor 5:6-10 |
| Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 | Mark 4:26-34 |



## Improve Your Outlook by Looking Up



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 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 until 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.



We give a big SFS Parish shout out to our music director, Jim Loughery, and his wife Mia, for providing a very splendid piano and organ concert last night here in church! Music can be prayerful, and it certainly was last night. On a “scale” from 1 to 10, we heard an 11!



**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 today, Sunday, June 6.

**Today**, on this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, our brother, **Gary Favors**, is received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. He will make a simple Profession of Faith and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. With open arms, we welcome Gary, our newest member of our parish!

Francis' love of Christ comes to a full expression of God's generosity and the appeal to oneness in the Mystical Body of Christ, which the Canticle proclaims as a cosmic kinship where all are brothers and sisters. Named patron of ecology by Pope John Paul II in 1979, St. Francis, through his simplicity of life and love for all, offers a model for living in a time of ecological devastation and urgency for new models. Ecology stems from the Greek “oikos”, which means home. Ecological living invites us to care for our home, the earth, through appropriate economy and use of resources of energy, water and food. St. Francis' vision of kinship expands the meaning of Matthew's Gospel command, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37-39). Our neighbor is everyone, including the poor, the outcast, every creature, plant and element.



Celebrating the Lord's Day...Sunday is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind, and meditation which furthers the growth of the Christian interior life. To celebrate the Lord's Day more fully, consider trying the following: Don't use Sunday as your catch-all day for errands and household chores. Share a family dinner after Mass. Have the whole family join in the preparation and cleanup. Go for a walk or bike ride and give thanks to God for the beauty of nature. Spend time reading the Bible or a spiritual book. Visit parishioners and others who are homebound. Turn off your gadgets and enjoy the silence. Take a rest on the seventh day.