

June 2021

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Minister Schedule for June 20

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan
Lector 1: Joan Monnin Callahan
Lector 2: Katie Callahan
Intercessions: Karen Skillman
Eucharistic Minister: Carla Sherman
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Denise Ratterman

200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese. The weekend of June 19/20 is the observance of this anniversary. You might like to order a copy of the *SEEKING THE LORD, An Illustrated History of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati* (\$15) and/or a copy of the *TREASURES of the Archdiocese of CINCINNATI* (\$30). These books are on display and a sign-up sheet is available for your order.

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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: 6/7-6/13
 James Honerlaw, Walter Carroll,
 Carole Willen, Lonnie Kuhl,
 Ravinna Hille, Jim Dunphy, John Reder.
 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 TODAY! The goal is to provide a simple meal to our neighbors on the streets. The important goal is to build some relationships between our members and the folks who are so much a part of this neighborhood.

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.



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St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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 All
 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
 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 June 6 
 Sunday Collection: \$4,848.00
 Mail in Collection: \$2,190.00
 Total: \$7,038.00
 Month of May PayPal Contributions: \$3358.88
 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



June is Pride Month

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., Bishop of Lexington, KY, joined other Catholic leaders in a “virtual blessing” offered at the start of this month, supporting folks who are part of the LGBTQ community. “God is inviting you to draw near and that God desires a deep and intimate relationship with all of you,” he said. Later he prayed: “May God, the source of life and love, fill you with the joy of knowing your great dignity and worth as God’s child, who was created in love and filled with blessings from the first moment of your existence.” St. Francis Seraph is a Catholic community that strives to be supportive of the LGBTQ community, the good persons who are a vital part of our congregation.

On another note, I received an email this week: “I recently visited St. Francis with my family and enjoyed your community and message very much. I recently moved to Cleveland and was wondering if there was a sister church or if you had any suggestions. I appreciate your help.” I replied that I don’t know Cleveland at all. I couldn’t suggest any particular church. Let’s face it, a place like St. Francis Seraph is hard to find!

AUSCP is the Association of US Catholic Priests. Founded 10 years ago, I am a charter member of this association that wants to keep the spirit of Vatican II alive! I will be attending our Assembly for the 8th time this summer, June 21-24, in Minneapolis. I find great support, encouragement and inspiration with our speakers and the comradeship of these priests.

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.

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Today’s Readings:	Next Sunday:
Ez 17:22-24	Job 38:1, 8-11
2 Cor 5:6-10	2 Cor 5:14-17
Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41



Remember to Pray when You Start Your Day



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.



THE JESUS MARK KNEW
 We have entered Ordinary Time and will be reading from the Gospel of Mark. Mark’s is a gospel of action. Of the Four Gospels, his includes the least teaching. Jesus is constantly on the move from place to place preaching and healing, preaching and healing. Jesus symbolizes the breaking in of the Big Picture into this world, and He does it much more than He talks about it. We have to look at Jesus’ actions, and how His action rearranges relationships—with self-image, with others, with God. but the healings and exorcisms in Mark’s Gospel are primarily to make statements about power, abuse, relationships, class, addiction, money, the state of women and the poor, and the connections between soul and body—the exact same issues that we face today. Adapted from The Four Gospels, Richard Rohr OFM

Parish Council Notes

The Council favors going forward with plans to air condition the church, pending more information about costs of operation and some wording in the contract. With the Finance Council recommending this, we believe we can do sufficient fundraising to enhance the funds we already have available. The refurbishing of the stained glass windows is another project that we are proosing the Franciscans assume. They are the owners of the building and we see this as deferred maintenance. Both projects are pending. The Council fully approved the repairs to our building at 1600 Vine. The city has cited us for safety violations. We believe we can afford to make the repairs with the surplus in our operating account. The final proposal awaits the cost for Duke to reroute wires while the project happens. Summer grill outs begin today and hopefully every other Sunday through the summer. On the other Sundays, we plan to have coffee and donuts after Mass, probably in the courtyard on the side of the church. We plan to have Parish Council elections in the fall. Bro. Tim will get back in touch with a parishioner who would like to explore some kind of discussion/study group so that we have opportunities beyond Sunday Mass for spiritual enrichment.



1st Reconciliation will be celebrated with Fr. Al before the 10AM Mass today. You might notice extra shiny halos around Liliane Luebbe and Vivian Winterhalter!



After Mass Socials resume for Father’s Day, June 20. Yes, dads, mothers got carnations, you get a donut! Feel blessed! This first social with coffee, something cold, too, and donuts will be in the courtyard alongside the church. Oh, not “cold ones” like in beers.



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.