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Minister Schedule for July 11

Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Greeters: Amy Dressman, Moe Nieman
Lector 1: Jeanette Tepe
Lector 2: Dave Frondorf
Intercessions: Tim Candelaresi
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers
Collection: Dave Frondorf, John Reder

The Brothers Tim are off on an adventure.

Bro. Tim Lamb, OFM, is accompanied by our Bro. Tim Sucher, OFM, on a road trip to visit Tim Lamb's family in New Hampshire. They return on July 10. If all goes as planned, Bro. Tim Lamb will be leaving on July 15th for his new assignment in Jamaica! Tim has been part of the Sunday community here for a few years and has served as our Vocations Director. Hopefully we'll be able to send him off on this mission experience at our Mass on July 11.

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: 6/28-7/04
 Robert Manning, Frances Coors, Bob Cheeseman \$100 (last day of month,) Susan Hesketh, June Brady, Carolyn McMahon, Stephen Dick. 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!



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration for the 2021-2022 SFS Children's Faith Formation program is currently taking place. Registration forms are available on the table/rack in the back of church, or by calling the Parish Office (535-2719) or Pat Ruthemeyer (910-9485). Pflaum Gospel Weeklies materials are used in our program. Classes for grades 1-8 are held on Sunday mornings after Mass (mid-Sept. thru May). Registration Forms are due today.



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A Roman Catholic
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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.

If you have faith...



...you will see

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
 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 27 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,302.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 340.00
 Total: \$1,642.00

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

Much has already been reported in the religious and secular press about the United States Catholic Bishops voting forward a document about Holy Communion and the issue of receiving Communion when in disagreement with important teachings. Of course, this particularly involved President Biden and his support of the current laws of this nation allowing for abortion.

While I attended the Assembly of the Association of US Catholic Priests, I heard from two Bishops who report that the document (not yet written) is not likely going to be approved if it is too strict about reception of Communion. Already, there are reports that the Bishops are backing away from a radical statement.

The following reflection is from a Jesuit, John D. Whitney. I think it captures well how many of us would think.


"I want to write a longer piece about those bishops who seek to keep some from the table of Christ, but for now I will say this: it is not your table (nor mine). Bishops, priests, etc. are neither the hosts nor the bouncers nor the ones who wrote the guest list. The Eucharist is the resurrected body of Christ given for the life of the world. Jesus Christ is the one who invites the guests ("all you who labor"); he is the host of those who come; he is the setter of the table; he is the feast which is shared ("Take this, all of you...this is my body, this is my blood"). We are guests at the meal, and sometimes (by his calling) servers. So stay in your lane, please. The wait staff doesn't get to exclude those who want to come. If you don't like the company Christ calls (and, admittedly, it is a rag tag bunch of sinners, one and all), it's you who need to leave the table, not them."
 Amen.

My thanks to a couple of people who passed this along to me.

Fr. Al

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Ez 2:2-5	Am 7:12-15
2 Cor 12:7-10	Eph 1:3-14
Mark 6:1-6	Mark 6:7-13





Worry Ends Where Faith Begins




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.


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. Ellen McKie, Odelia Pastor and Barb Menefield are a few folks who cannot be at church with us. The power of prayer is powerful 

Did you know?...As we celebrate our Country's independence and birth this July 4, the founding fathers of the United States of America were men of deep religious convictions based in the Bible and their Christian faith in Jesus Christ. Of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, twenty-four held seminary or Bible school degrees.


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

Picnic on the Plaza #3
 Our every other Sunday event takes place again on July 11. Our hope is to provide this simple meal to our neighbors on the street. More importantly, we want to build relationships among our parishioners and these neighbors. John Reder is our coordinator and a sign-up sheet will be available this Sunday. You can reach out to him at tacticalneuronics@gmail.com. 

Office Project for a volunteer
 Fr. Al would welcome a volunteer to do the work of indexing our Baptismal records. With this simple alphabetical index it will be easy to find Baptismal records. You can do this at your own pace: a day a week, a few hours here and there. You can email him at alhirt@sfsparish.org or the parish phone number: 513-535-2719. You can leave a message.

Help Wanted: St. Francis Seraph School is in immediate need of a fulltime custodian. This position also provides benefits. For more information, contact the school at 721-7778, or contact Principal Halsey Mabry via email, hmabry@sfschool.com 

200th Anniversary Books
 We continue to display these two books on the back table in church: Treasures of the Archdiocese (a pictorial book of many beautiful churches around the Archdiocese) \$30.00; and an Illustrated History of the Archdiocese, for children and folks of all ages \$15.00. Orders will be sent to churches in September. One or both of these might be a good gift at Christmas to someone who would appreciate a book of this kind.

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. 

Good example has twice the value of good advice.