

July 2021

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Minister Schedule for July 18

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Dan Nolan
Lector 1: Karen Skillman
Lector 2: Alec Reder
Intercessions: Caroline Brock
Eucharistic Minister: Dan Nolan
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Tina Candelaresi

Farewell to Bro. Tim Lamb: If all the travel arrangements work out, this Bro. Tim will be leaving on July 15th for his new assignment at our mission church in Jamaica. He joins two other of our friars, Jim Bok and Colin King, in Negril. Tim has served for the last few years as our Vocation Director.



We pray for blessings in this next adventure of his Franciscan life.



Winner-A-Day Winners: 7/05-7/11

Joe Rudemiller, Betsy Santen, Bob Fricke, Joyce Schiller, Donna Corcoran, James Leach, Margaret Gaitley. 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!



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@sfsschool.com



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

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



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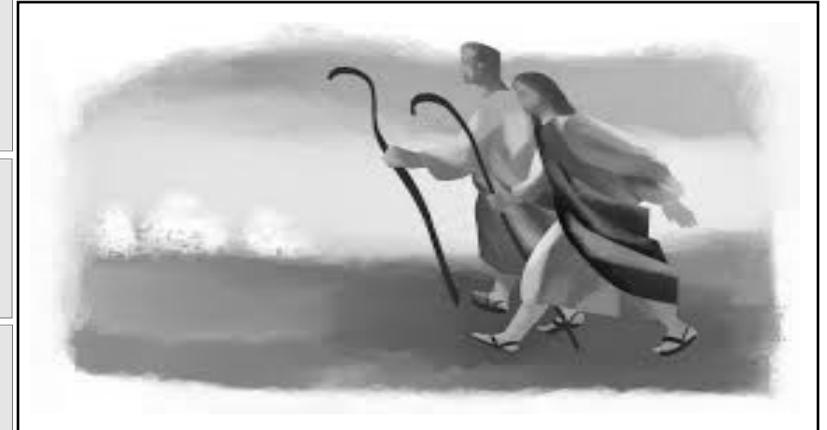
Peace Prayer of St. Francis

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.



St. Francis Seraph Church
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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 July 4 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,995.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 930.00
 Total: \$2,925.00
 Paypal Total for the month of June: \$2,356.73

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.

The end of June means the end of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. In the coming weeks we should be able to have a full report on this past year and then soon have a budget for 2021-2022.

Pastor's Corner

Thomas of Celano, the earliest biographer of St. Francis of Assisi, writes:
"Once on pilgrimage to Rome, out of love for poverty, Francis took off his fine clothing and dressed himself in a poor man's clothes. He happily among the poor in the square in front of the church of St. Peter, a place where the poor are abundant. Considering himself one of them, he eagerly ate with them. If his embarrassed friends had not restrained him, he would have done this many times."

Many days, St. Francis Seraph also has an abundance of the poor who gather on the steps and in the shade in front of the church. Often during the day, folks find refuge sleeping in the pews or just resting, even praying in the church. It can get messy! It will always be a struggle to know what is best.



I'm glad we have begun to sponsor the Sunday lunches on the plaza. I think it is still good that we open the church during the day (with security personnel present) to give people a sense of sanctuary from the heat, the night spent on the street, whatever.

The prophet Isaiah says of a proper fast: *"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly."*

Fr. Al

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 Christmastime to someone who would appreciate a book of this kind.

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Am 7:12-15	Jer 23:1-6
Eph 1:3-14	Eph 2:13-18
Mark 6:7-13	Mark 6:30-34



Exercise Daily. Walk with the Lord.



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. Greta asks for prayers for the repose of the soul of Ann Brown. 

School may be out for the summer, but SFS School still participates in the Box Tops for Education. The program has changed to all digital. Download the app on your phone and scan your grocery receipt. The app will identify Box Tops products and credit the school. SFS school earns tens cents on every eligible item. For instructions, go to boxtops4education.com and choose St(no period) Francis Seraph School. 

Faith is a journey, not a destination.

Picnic on the Plaza 
 Our every other Sunday event takes place today and again on July 25. We provide this simple Meal to our neighbors living on the streets or just walking by. Most importantly, we Hope to be building relationships among our parishioners and these neighbors. John Reder is our coordinator and sign-up sheets are in the church so you can Volunteer. You can also reach him at tacticalneuronics@gmail.com.

Volunteers a plenty! 
 At least five people offered to help with the indexing of the recent Baptismal book. There may be other such projects on the horizon so that we can use all of this volunteer energy!

Summer Raffle 
 The St. Francis Seraph Church and School Annual Summer Appeal Raffle has begun and tickets should have shown up in your mailbox by now or very soon. The raffle continues through the summer, and in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the drawing will take place on Sunday, October 3, right after Mass. The Summer Appeal proceeds are earmarked for our church and to assist in providing a great education for the St. Francis Seraph School students. With your help, we will be able to provide our students with tutoring, mentoring and physical activities. If you need tickets, or need more tickets, please call the parish office at 535-2719. Thank you.

After a year of **SECOND SUNDAY ON MAIN** postponement due to Covid, Second Sunday on Main resumes today from noon to 5pm, located on Main from 12th St. north to Liberty St. There will be over 30 shops, galleries and restaurants and activities for all. Secondsundayonmain.org

A friendship is a treasure beyond measure.