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**Minister Schedule for August 8**

Coordinator: Lois Biddle  
Greeters: Amy Dressman  
Lector 1: Jeanette Tepe  
Lector 2: Dave Frondorf  
Intercessions: Caroline Brock  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney  
Collection: Joan Callahan, Nataliya Kravchenko

Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office at 535-2719 if you or someone in your family is ill or if you have a special prayer request in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick. Brother Tim is happy to take your prayer request directly by calling or texting him at 513-404-3688. Emails are discouraged as they may not be read in a timely manner. Thank you.

*The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.*

**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:** 7/26-8/01  
 Cherrie Treber, SFS Church, Mary Bertolini, LaVerne Dowling, John Steffen, Harold Havens Sr. \$100 (last day of month), Mary Herbers. 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!



**200<sup>th</sup> 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.

Go to [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) when travelling takes you away from home to find a Mass time near you.



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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

## 18th 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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 Welcome  
 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: [sfparish.org](http://sfparish.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 25**   
 Sunday Collection: \$1,561.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,160.00  
 Total: \$2,721.00

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 [sfparish.org](http://sfparish.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

African American author and mystic, Howard  
 Thurman (1899-1981), believed the primary  
 audience for Jesus' Sermon on the Mount would  
 have been the "disinherited," the marginalized and  
 oppressed Jewish people. Thurman writes:


*The disinherited experience the disintegrating effect  
 of contempt....There are few things more devastat-  
 ing than to have it burned into you that you do not  
 count and that no provisions are made for the literal  
 protection of your person. The threat of violence is  
 ever present, and there is no way to determine  
 precisely when it may come crushing down upon  
 you. In modern power politics this is called a war  
 of nerves. The underprivileged in any society are  
 the victims of a perpetual war of nerves. The logic  
 of the state of affairs is physical violence, but it  
 need not fulfill itself in order to work its perfect  
 havoc in the souls of the poor....In this world the  
 socially disadvantaged individual is  
 constantly given a negative answer to  
 the most important personal questions  
 upon which mental health depends:  
 "Who am I? What am I?"*



Reading his words, I think of so many folks who are  
 in the neighborhood of our church. How many  
 really believe they are children of God? The  
 intensifying gentrification of our neighborhood is  
 making more people feel like they don't belong.  
 Will I be able to live here? Will "affordable"  
 housing really be affordable?  
 The Franciscans and our parish are trying to still  
 provide some safety where people can gather, rest a  
 while in the church, use a bathroom. We are  
 working with St. Francis Seraph Ministries next  
 door to share the same level of security, using the  
 same company for our needs at the church. There  
 are differing opinions as to how best to serve this  
 population. It is a day to day matter of evaluation  
 and planning.

*Fr. Al*

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15	1 Kgs 19:4-8
Eph 4:17, 20-24	Eph 4:30—5:2
John 6:24-35	John 6:41-51




## 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.




**Urgent...Help Wanted and Needed:**  
 St. Francis Seraph School is in immedi-  
 ate need of a fulltime custodian. This ad  
 has run in the bulletin now for a few weeks.  
 School will be starting in the next month. Perhaps  
 you know someone who may be interested in this  
 job. This position also provides benefits. For more  
 information, contact the school at 721-7778, or  
 contact Principal Halsey Mabry via email,  
 hmabry@sfsschool.com



**Parish Finance Committee** will meet this  
 Thursday, August 5. The primary focus will be a  
 review of this past year's report and a look at the  
 budget for 2021-2022. Current members serving  
 on this committee are: Denise Ratterman, Fred  
 Robertshaw, Robb Wing, Carla Sherman and  
 Henry Stacey.

*We welcome Fr. Greg Friedman today!*

**August will see the Wedding Bells ringing!**  
 On August 7, parishioners Anthony Newby and  
Nataliya Kravchenko will be married here at  
 St. Francis Seraph in a small ceremony of most-  
 ly family and closest friends.  
 On August 14, parishioners Ian Blair and Kasia Solomianko  
 will be married at St. James   
 Church in Arlington Heights, Il. (This is the  
 home church where Kasia grew up.)  
 On August 21, Molly Remenowsky and  
Daniel Smith will celebrate their wedding here  
 with Bishop Joe Binzer presiding.  
**Congratulations and Blessings on these  
 couples!**

**Picnic on the Plaza #5**  
 Our every other Sunday event takes  
 place next Sunday, August 8, after   
 Mass. 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 coordi-  
 nator and sign-up sheets are in the church so  
 you can Volunteer. You can also reach him at  
[tacticalneuronics@gmail.com](mailto:tacticalneuronics@gmail.com).

**Remembering/Gifting St. Francis in your will**  
 Some people are in a position to include the  
 church when planning for wills and trusts. How  
 blessed this parish has been to receive some  
 gifts over the years! From time to time, folks  
 need to adjust the plans they may have already  
 made. Designating St. Francis Seraph Church  
 for some portion of your estate can be so helpful  
 to the long term needs of your parish.

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.