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**Minister Schedule for August 15**  
**Coordinator:** Jerry Diersing  
**Greeters:** Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan  
**Lector 1:** Moe Nieman  
**Lector 2:** Dave Frondorf  
**Intercessions:** Kathie Hendy  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Dan Nolan  
**Collection:** Anne Burkhart, Tina Candelaresi

St. Francis Seraph Ministries offers opportunities for volunteer service. The number of people coming to the dining room for breakfast and supper has doubled in the summer. There are certainly opportunities when you could assist in the ministry. Contact Theresa Diersen at 513-549-0542 x 289 or [tdiersen@sfsministries.org](mailto:tdiersen@sfsministries.org).

Second Sunday on Main is today, noon to 5pm, on Main, between 12th and Liberty streets.

**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:** 8/02-8/08  
 Donna Rauf, Theodore Lucas, Barbara Nagel, Norma Krusling, Daniel Nolan, Richard Schmidt, Daniel Miller. 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!

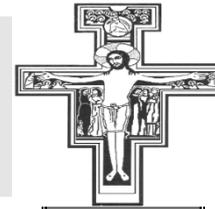
Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office at 535-2719 if you or someone in your family is ill or if you have a special prayer request in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick. Brother Tim is happy to take your prayer request directly by calling or texting him at 513-404-3688. Emails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

St. Francis Seraph School opens its doors to the children when school starts on August 18. We pray for a safe and successful experience for the children and families who entrust their kids to our school.



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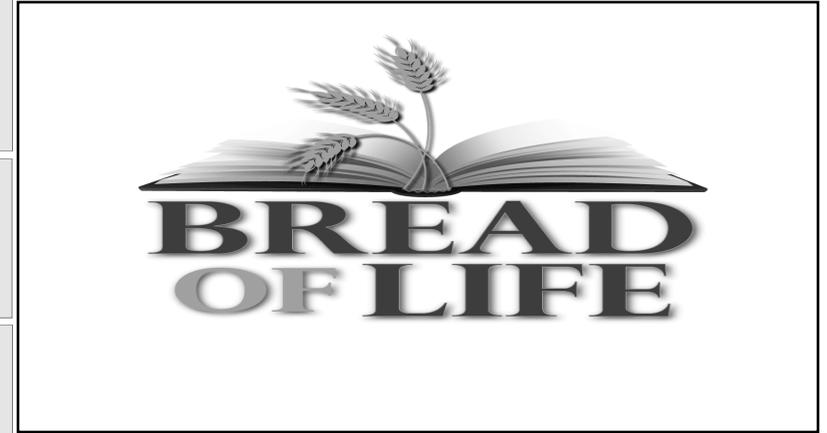
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF OVER-  
 THE-RHINE**  
 1615 Vine Street  
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 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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 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](http://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 Aug. 1**   
 Sunday Collection: \$3,470.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 960.00  
 Total: \$4,430.00

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](http://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

**BEACONS UPDATE: BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED, SIGN UP—**  
 To stay on top of the latest developments on Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, sign up for the free monthly *Beacons Update* newsletter at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org).



This notice has been received by all the parishes hoping that parishioners around the Archdiocese will sign up to stay informed. St. Francis Seraph parishioners are urged to keep informed about this process that will affect every parish in the archdiocese. No plan has yet been finalized. We do know that there will be about 60 Families of parishes, bringing together 2-5 churches who will be expected in the next few years to work together toward being one parish with one main pastor and shared committees, staff, etc. Probably, parishes administered by Religious Communities will be grouped together. I believe that is a good arrangement that will respect the unique charisms of the various orders, e.g. Franciscans, Jesuits, Oratorians, etc.

Another source of information is *The Catholic Telegraph Magazine*. If you are not receiving this monthly magazine, you can contact the archdiocese and get added to the subscription list.

*Fr. Al*

**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.



Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
1 Kgs 19:4-8	1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16
Eph 4:30—5:2	1 Cor 15:54b-57
John 6:41-51	Luke 11:27-28




## Instead of Pointing a Finger, Hold Out a Hand

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 immediate 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](mailto: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. A number of parishioners participate in this Mass on a daily or weekly basis. You are invited and perhaps you can be present for the feast of St. Clare this Wednesday.




**Picnic on the Plaza #5**  
 Our every other Sunday event takes place today, 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 coordinator 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).



St. Clare of Assisi's feast day is August 11. She was a close companion of St. Francis and founded the 2nd Order called the Poor Clares. Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide. At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule of the Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death. Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of Clare's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her—Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano. The 41 years of Clare's religious life are scenarios of sanctity: an indomitable resolve to lead the simple, literal gospel life, a passion for poverty and humility, an ardent life of prayer, and a generous concern for her sisters. [Franciscanmedia.org](http://Franciscanmedia.org)