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Minister Schedule for August 22
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Barbara Bok
Lector 1: Karen Skillman
Lector 2: Casey Betz
Intercessions: Robert Dahlstrom
Eucharistic Minister: Carla Sherman
Collection: Dave Frondorf, Randy Ulses

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.

"Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now." Blessed Mother Teresa

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: 8/09-8/15
 Lynda Menkhous, Marianne Phillips, Daniel Miller, Robert Noyes, George McMahon, John Gardner, Nick Enginger. 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. Greta asks for prayers for the repose of the souls of Anna Brown and Cora Kittles. You can send a card to Barbara Menefield at 506 Hale Ave. #2, Cin. OH 45229 or call 513-620-8159.

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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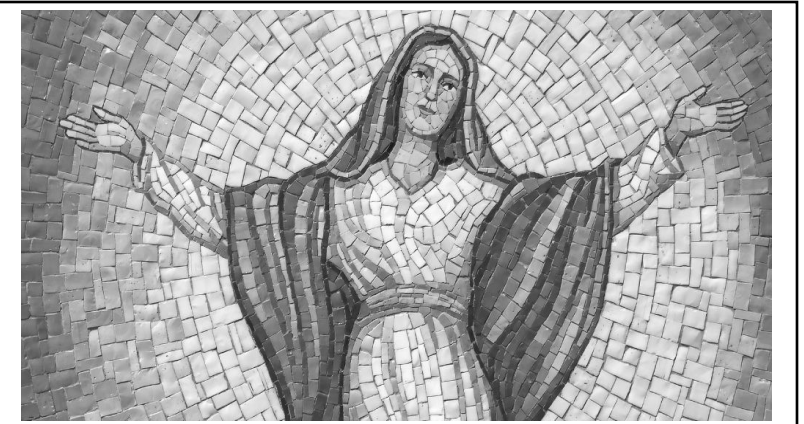
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A Roman Catholic Community of Faith welcoming *all* people of faith in the Franciscan Tradition since 1859.

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.


Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary




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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Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

Parish Council
 John D. Back
 Nataliya Kravchenko
 Anthony Newby
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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 Aug. 8 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,168.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 910.00
 Total: \$2,078.00
 July PayPal Total: \$2,363.43
 Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday
 and to the many faithful who send your
 offerings during the week. You can donate
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 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,
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 -Sirach 35:8-9*

Pastor's Corner



Early this past week, I took a look at our parish website and saw the announcement about a “New Pastor” here. I think it is time to remove that! I’m now 10 months into life here with all of you. I won’t much longer be able to use the excuse that “I’m new here.”

Yet, there is still much to learn. I’m looking forward to a gathering of OTR Clergy. We’ll meet with no agenda other than meeting one another and getting to know who all is ministering in this neighborhood. I have been hoping for an opportunity like this.

And I’m still trying to understand all the dynamics of the changing scene in OTR. In the coming months I hope to have more dialogues with people who are invested in this neighborhood and I want to explore ways our parishioners can be helpful in the care for all the people who have made and are making OTR their home.

Our church and the Franciscans are now working with Black T.I. E. Security Services, which is helping us better coordinate with the security that St. Anthony Center has employed for some years. We continue to be a welcome place 9AM-5PM, where folks have a bathroom they can use, a place to get some sleep and be out of the heat. At the same time, we are better at cutting down the incidents of alcohol consumption around our church, creating a more serene environment where people can gather and rest, but not create problems. Life will never be perfect, but we seem to be going in a good direction.

Fr. Al

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.

Today's Readings: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Luke 11:27-28	Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17 Eph 5:2a, 25-32 John 6:60-69
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Mother Mary, Pray for Us.



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 month. School will be starting in a few days. Perhaps you know someone who may be interested in this job. This position also provides benefits. For more info, call the school at 721-7778, or contact Principal Halsey Mabry via email, hmabry@sfsschool.com



RCIA News: Do you have a neighbor, friend or spouse who has been asking you questions about the Catholic Church? Is there someone you know who may be casually or seriously interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Now is the time to learn about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Inquiry Classes. Talk to Fr. Al or Pat Ruthemeyer or call the Parish Office.

Small Groups: Men, Women, Bible, Book Study?

A number of people have expressed interest in growing in faith, in smaller groups apart from the Sunday Mass. After Mass on August 22, Pat Ruthemeyer (our Faith Formation Director) and Fr. Al would invite people to gather and present ideas. What kind of group interests you? We think it could be time for people to gather or even do some things by zoom. We can hold this session in the chapel, which you enter by way of coming through the sanctuary on the left side. (And this has AC!)

Picnic on the Plaza #6



Our every other Sunday event takes place next Sunday, August 22, 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.

Finance Committee Report



The full committee was able to be present for our latest meeting. Members expressed delight in how healthy the finances of the parish are at this time. A report of the past fiscal year (2020-2021) will be available in the back of church soon. This will also have a Budget for the current fiscal year that began July 1. A decision about air conditioning in the church still awaits the Franciscan Provincial Council reviewing our proposal at their meeting this coming week. Again, the need to consider installing a second bathroom is high on the priority list. Repairs of the 1600 Vine building will hopefully begin soon. We are exploring a shared use of the building with a program that could house graduate students teaching in CISE schools. This is in the early stages of discussion.