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Minister Schedule for August 29
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Greta Benton, Clarissa Irvin
Lector 1: Katie Callahan
Lector 2: Joan Monnin Callahan
Intercessions: Dan Nolan
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Schellinger
Collection: Denise Ratterman, Rita Reichert

College students among our parishioners
 We'd like to publish a listing of all the members of our parish who have students in college. Please forward their names, college attending, and year, e.g. Jane Doe, Miami University, 3rd year. Over the next several weeks, please send to Fr. Al at alhirt@sfsparish.org.

You can still order the books Treasures of the Archdiocese and an Illustrated History of the Archdiocese. Check the back table for more info.

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: 8/16-8/22
 Maureen Bruns, Sharon Koller, Sally Hauer, Carol Fisher, Mike Bolger, Mary Herbers, Bill Espelage.
 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!

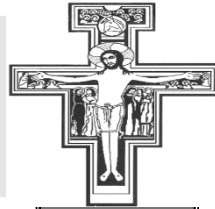
Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office at 535-2719 if you or someone in your family is ill or if you have a special prayer request in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick. Greta asks for prayers for health and well-being for Di'Onna Owens and Myya McDonald, and for the repose of the soul of Diondre Whitehead, Jr.

SFS School had to push back our first day of school to Aug. 30 due to confusion in busing schedules. The blessing is this gives us more time to fill our teaching positions and ready the building. We still urgently need a custodian.



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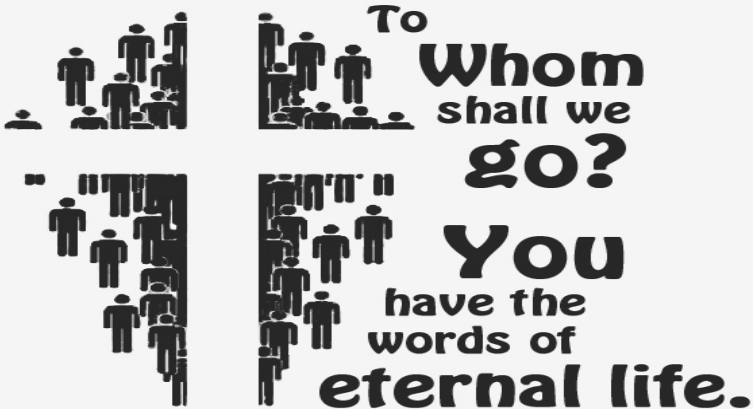
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Sacraments
Baptism - Infants: Sunday during or immediately following 10am Mass. Expectant parents plan to attend Baptismal Preparation Program.
Baptism - Adults: Usually celebrated at Easter Vigil. Preparation in stages through the year.
Reconciliation - 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.


Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time





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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Stewardship - Week Ending Aug. 15
 Sunday Collection: \$3,952.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 765.00
 Total: \$4,717.00



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



Spectrum News is planning to feature Vine Street in Cincinnati for a segment of their series called "Street Level." This special program will highlight the history and recent developments along Vine Street from the business district to OTR. Recognizing the long history of the Franciscans in this city along this street, they want to interview Bro. Tim and me for some of our comments. This will take place in early September.

OTR Clergy had an initial meeting (6 of us) and are planning to gather monthly for fellowship and building relationships among us and our churches. There were 4 or 5 unable to attend that first gathering, but hopefully this will grow. Some pastors are relatively new while others are seasoned! I hope this effort at dialogue will be beneficial to our mutual spiritual hopes for this community.

Vacation days await me after Sunday Mass on August 29 thru Friday, Sept. 3. During that week, Friars Mark Soehner, Murray Bodo and Dan Kroger will celebrate the 8AM Masses Monday-Friday.

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. A limited number of 2-page fliers are available on the back tables of church. These offer more information about the pastoral planning process, the time line, the key elements and a look at the current reality of Catholic Parishes in the US and our Archdiocese.



*You can give without loving,
 but you cannot love without giving.*

Today's Readings:
 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17
 Eph 5:2a, 25-32
 John 6:60-69

Next Sunday:
 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



A World of Love Makes a World of Difference

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 August 30. 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



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 today, Pat Ruthemeyer (our Faith Formation Director) and Fr. Al would invite interested people to gather and present ideas. This meeting will take place in the chapel.



Picnic on the Plaza #6

Today, after Mass, will be the last Picnic on the Plaza for the season. 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. Many thanks go out to John Reder for coordinating these picnics and to all of you volunteers who gave of your time to make this happen.



RCIA News: INQUIRY SESSIONS –

Do you have a neighbor, friend, or spouse who has been asking you questions about the Catholic Church? Is there someone you know who might be, either casually or seriously, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Do you know an adult who was baptized as a child, but never raised in their Catholic faith or confirmed? Are *YOU* interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Now is the time to check into or to let this person know about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Inquiry Classes.

For further information:

Talk to Fr. Al or Pat Ruthemeyer
 or call the Parish Office:
535-2719

Finance Report Available

Some copies of this report are on the back table. This includes last year's parish income and expenses and the projected budget for this new fiscal year. You can see that last year was a very good year, with increased Sunday giving (given how many more parishioners we have). We expect to do well in this next year, too. There is a note that the school also ran a very healthy surplus. If anyone is interested in more details, you can contact Fr. Al at alhirt@sfsparish.org or our bookkeeper, Judy Cox, at jcox@sfsparish.org.

