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Minister Schedule for September 5

Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer
Lector 1: Tina Candelaresi
Lector 2: Caroline Brock
Intercessions: Moe Nieman
Eucharistic Minister: Clarissa Irvin
Collection: T. Candelaresi, N. Kravchenko

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.

200th Anniversary Books We continue to display these two books on the back table: *Treasures of the Archdiocese*, and the *Illustrated History of the Archdiocese*. One or both of these might be a good gift at Christmastime to someone who would appreciate a book of this kind.

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: 8/23-8/29
 Gregory Clausing, Dawn Mowery,
 Doug Gustwiller, Bob Hanneken, Sharon
 Hafertepe, Caroline Brach, Marlene Lesch
 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.



SFS School had to push back our first day of school to tomorrow 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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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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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
 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. 22 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,959.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,410.00
 Total: \$3,369.00

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

St. Francis Seraph Parish is unique in so many
 ways, but especially in how we are related to the
 Franciscan Province of St. John the Baptist. Yes,
 we are an Archdiocesan parish, but our church
 building is owned by the Franciscans. Because the
 church is not owned by the parish (which would
 mean the Archdiocese) we needed for the
 Franciscans to approve our proposal to air condition
 the building. The parish doesn't own the building,
 we simply have the use of the building.
 And what about the building behind the church?
 This building, called the "Friary", is home currently
 to 5 Franciscans brothers, many of the offices of the
 Province of St. John the Baptist, and a small section
 for our parish offices. Interestingly, the parish rents
 spaces and the offices of the Province also pay rent
 to the friary. The parish also has had the privilege
 of sharing spaces like the conference room and the
 large dining room.

Because the Province of St. John the Baptist will be
 merging with 5 other Franciscan provinces in the
 United States two years from now, much will
 change. There will be no offices of the Province as
 it now exists. There is no need for the Franciscans
 to continue ownership of such a large facility. Since
 January, the building has been on the market. To
 date, no solid offers have been made to purchase the
 building.

When the day comes that the building is sold, the
 five Friars who live here will be assigned to new
 friaries. The parish offices, assuming we can't
 continue to rent our spaces from new owners, will
 need to relocate. We could rent space in the
 Franciscan Media building next door to St. Anthony
 Center. The Media building has room for offices
 and some gathering spaces for Faith Formation
 classes. The first floor of the building at 1600 Vine
 St. might be a possibility. There might even be
 creative ways to use unused spaces in the church,
 like alcoves to both sides of the sanctuary.
 For so many years, the Friary has borne the cost of
 utilities used by the parish. The parish staff is aware
 that we will need to amend our budget when the day
 comes we bear those costs. I'm confident we'll
 figure out how to make all of these changes and
 keep our parish thriving.

Fr. Al



Be Doers of the Word and Not Hearers Only

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.

Good News about Air Conditioning and Stained Glass Windows

The Provincial Council has approved our parish
 plan to air condition the church. Our proposal
 also includes a new heating system. Very shortly,
 we'll let you know how you can direct donations
 toward this effort. We will need to raise some
 funds while we can use some funds we already
 have on hand. At the same meeting, the Council
 agreed to pay for the renovation work on the
 stained glass windows in the church. How
 grateful we are that they will take on the \$277,000
 project, helping the building be in good shape for
 a long time to come!

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8	Is 35:4-7a
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27	Jas 2:1-5
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:31-37



Blessing of our School Staff and Catechists: At Sunday's Mass on Sept. 5, we
 will extend a blessing to all those working at our
 school and teaching in our Children's Faith
 Formation program here in the parish. A
 reception to which we are all invited will be
 celebrated in the courtyard after Mass.

Haiti Collection: On Sundays September 5 &
 12, along with many Catholic Churches in the
 United States, we will accept donations to assist
 the people in Haiti so devastated by earthquake,
 civil unrest, storms and ongoing poverty. The
 funds we collect will help Catholic Relief
 Services and Catholic Charities USA respond to
 emergency needs. There are special envelopes
 on the tables in back of church marked
 "HAITI". Please try to be generous with this
 great need.

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.

RCIA Inquiry Sessions...Do you have a
 neighbor, friend or spouse who has been asking
 questions about the Catholic Church? Is there
 someone you know who might be, either casual-
 ly 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 interest-
 ed in learning more about the Catholic faith?
 Now is the time to check into or let this person
 know about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initia-
 tion of Adults.) Talk to Fr. Al or Pat Ruthemey-
 er or call the parish office at 535-2719.