

5 23rd Sunday	6 Labor Day	7	8 *Jennifer Adamson *John Miele	9	10 *Maury Drummey	11 *Kathy Addison
12 24th Sunday	13 *Karen Skillman	14 *Sr. Christine Pratt, OSU *Tammy Schwartz	15	16 *Oliver Meyer	17 *Charlene Riva	18 *Kathy Zielinski

Minister Schedule for September 12

Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Greeters: Amy Dressman
Lector 1: Dave Frondorf
Lector 2: Tim Candelaresi
Intercessions: Karen Skillman
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Reichert
Collection: Dave Frondorf, John Reder

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: 8/30-9/05
 Lisa Brackmann, Bonnie Ziegler,
 Greg Reinstatler, Carol Fisher,
 Al Humbert, Pat McMahon, James Filusch.
 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.

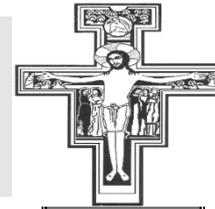


The St. Francis Seraph Church/School Summer Appeal Raffle continues. If you have not sent in your chances, please do so. The drawing will take place October 3. If you need more tickets, please contact the office. Thank you.



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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.
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 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 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. 29
 Sunday Collection: \$2,244.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 430.00
 Total: \$2,674.00



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. 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



I returned on Friday, Sept. 3, from a 5-day respite in Michigan. Now I begin my 12th month as pastor of St. Francis Seraph. The transition has been smooth. How many times I have told people that this is the right place at the right time in my life! Bro. Tim (with 16 years of ministry here) and I are working together well. I've enjoyed the other staff members and feel like I am getting to know many people.



As a new school year begins, I hope to have a little more involvement with our school staff and the children. I also hope to increase contact with our neighbors. Of course, the restrictions and cautions of the pandemic pose limitations for all these plans to have more social engagement.

Fr. Al

Blessing of our School Staff and Catechists:

Today 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: Today and next Sunday, 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.



This Labor Day weekend, Lord, we thank you for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask you to bless all those who work everyday for the good of all. Amen.

Today's Readings: Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37	Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35
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Work for the Lord.
 The Retirement Plan is Out of This World!



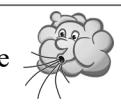
My Parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

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.

Air conditioning and heating:



The proposal that our Finance Committee and Parish Council are considering involves a new heating system along with air conditioning. Because the church building is owned by the Franciscan Province, we are still working out how the payments will be handled. This new system would move us away from steam heat-- fossil fuels (gas)-- and be completely electric. This project will use the existing tunnels under the church to deliver the heat and ac, so no interior units or duct work would be involved. This is a \$292,000 project. Our goal will be to raise at least \$100,000 in a soon-to-be-announced campaign, use funds that are available from our endowment fund and capital improvements fund, along with surplus in our operating budget. Believe it or not, we can do this!

September Dates:

Tuesday, 9/7: Duke Energy is scheduled to shut off electrical power near our 1600 Vine building so that repairs of the cornices and gutters can begin. The cornice project will take a couple of weeks.

Thursday, 9/9: The Cathedral Deanery Meeting will be hosted at St. Bernard Church in Spring Grove Village at noon. This meeting is for priests and pastoral administrators. SFS is part of the Deanery.

Saturday, 9/11: 20th Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks, and for 20 years our country has been in conflict in Afghanistan. And now we withdraw amidst such chaos and suffering. This can be a day of remembrance and prayer.

Sunday, 9/12: Meeting after Mass for parishioners who live in OTR. Fr. Al is seeking to listen to our members who live in this neighborhood as it is and as it is developing. How might all the members of this parish be able to help, what would be most effective? If you are a resident of OTR and did not receive an invitation to this meeting, please contact Fr. Al. He simply doesn't know everybody yet!

Tuesday, 9/14: Parish Council Meeting, via Zoom, 6:30pm.

Thursday, 9/16: Jeanette Tepe, Randy Ulses and Fr. Al will attend a Worship Commission Workshop hosted by the Office of Divine Worship and Sacraments, 7pm at St. Vivian Church.

Sunday, 9/19: Children's Faith Formation classes begin after the Sunday Mass.

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 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 know about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Talk to Fr. Al or Pat Ruthemeyer or call the office at 535-2719.