

May 1 3rd Sunday First Communion *Steve Kreinbrink	2	3	4 *Ken Hunter	5	6	7
8 Fourth Sunday *Bill Schramm	9 *Greta Niese	10	11 *Barbara Bok	12 *John Hader	13	14 *Judy Wing Women's Group 10am

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #701
No Greater Love
 Response: #42 *I Will Praise You, Lord*
 Preparation of Gifts: #938
We Come to Your Feast
 Communion: #792
The Love of the Lord
 Recessional: #658 *See Ye First*



Winner-A-Day Winners: 4/25-5/1
 John Rauf, Amy Pearson, William Berlier, L.A. Biddle, Mark Soehner, Cherrie Treber (\$100). All other 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! All proceeds benefit our Church and School.



Minister Schedule for May 8
Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Greeters: Amy and Bob Dressman
 Mary Geers
 Lector 1: Nancy Aniskovich
 Lector 2: Mark Kacher
Intercessions: Tina Candelaresi
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Geers
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Rita Reichert

Last Call...
 For Church Easter Flower donations and contributions of food and cleaning supplies for our School's assistance to needy families. The many Lenten donations helped a lot of families through the past two months! Thank you!



Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

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.



The Worship Committee would appreciate your comments in regard to the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Please send what you liked or areas for improvement for the liturgies, music, environment etc. to Dan Nolan, dnolan@franciscan.org.



The Easter Story is not a dead story.

Today's Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rev 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rev 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30
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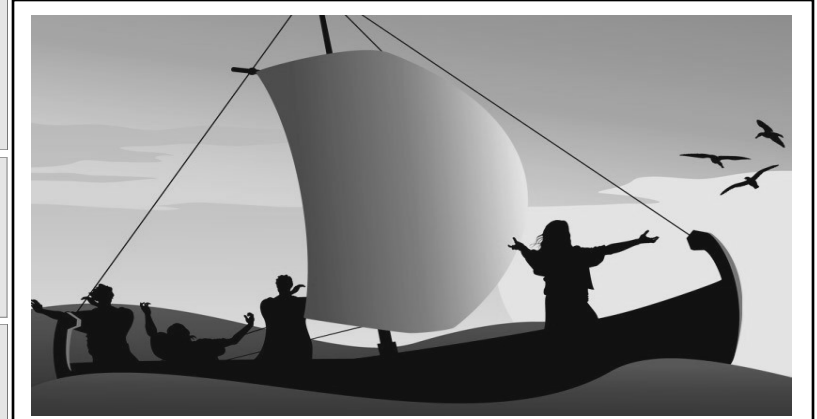


St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
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Third Sunday of Easter



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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We
 Welcome
 All
 Visitors!



Like Us and Spread the Word!

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 10:00 a.m.
Weekday Mass
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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Stewardship - Week Ending April 24
 Sunday Collection: \$1,383.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 960.00
 Total: \$2,343.00
 Easter Flowers: \$910.00

Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfsparish.org. We do not pass a collection basket during Mass.

*Jesus noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."
 Luke 21:1-2*

Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office 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.

Pastor's Corner

May is an important month at our school. Over the past week our search committee reviewed several Principal candidates and conducted interviews. I feel blessed that we have had some good people from which to choose. We will probably be able to announce our new principal in the coming week. Knowing that the school has a principal in place will help our teachers make their decisions about signing contracts for the next school year. I am very hopeful that our teaching staff will have good stability. We will celebrate 8th Grade Graduation on Tuesday evening, May 24. The last day of classes is May 26.

Fr. Al

Franciscans gather in chapter

Many of the friars of St. John the Baptist will assemble May 23-May 27 to take care of some business, vote on some issues, celebrate Jubilees of Religious Life and Priesthood (because of Covid we are celebrating three years worth of anniversaries!) and engage in some good fraternal conversations and prayer. (Tim and Al will be attending, but coming back from St. Meinrad Archabbey for the Tuesday graduation.)

Coming Events

- Today First Communion Mass
Catholic Relief Services collection
Flying Pig Marathon
- May 3 Ohio Primary—VOTE!
- May 7 Fratelli Tutti Discussion at 1PM
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 10 Parish Council Meeting via Zoom
- May 14 Women's Group, 10-Noon
Flower Boxes Planting Day!
- May 17 Deanery Meeting at St. Francis Xavier
- May 24 SFSS 8th Grade Graduation, 5pm in church

Catholic Relief Services Collection: Today is your opportunity to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. CRS is one of the most reliable aid agencies in the world, helping in times of wars and natural disasters.



Fill Your Souls with the Bread of Life

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. **The school lot is closed and locked at 1pm.**

There is also a parking lot on the left and right side of Moore Street. 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, please register yourself and your family. Forms are available on the table in church.

New Parking Option

The parking lot behind the Franciscan Media building is now available for parishioners to park for Sunday Mass. You gain access to this lot on Race Street (which is one way south). The gate will be locked at 1PM. There are about 25 parking slots available. It is a short walk around the corner onto Liberty Street and then over to the church. Other parking options: The lot behind our school and the lot behind that. The parking lot at Liberty and Race, operated by 3CDC, is also available to us. See the WELCOME GUESTS box (above) for instructions regarding this other free option. Of course, sometimes you can find open spots on the street.

St. Francis Seraph Women's Group Meeting: *Rescheduled from March.* All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting on Saturday, May 14, at 10am. Our Guest Speaker will be Ms. Margaret Bruns whose topic will be: "Protecting Innocence: Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet." Parking is available in the SFS School parking lot. Please use the 1615 Vine Street entrance.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today is a very special day for our parish and for our young parishioners **Isaac Hill, Elise Kleinschmidt, Lilliane Luebbe, Kellen McDevitt, and Henry Meyer** as they join us at the altar and receive their First Holy Communion. We are filled with joy for each of our First Communicants and their families, and we pray that they will continue to grow in their love for and closeness to Jesus and the Eucharist throughout their lives.

We would like to thank each of the families for the prayerful support they have given their children throughout the year as they prepared for both First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. In addition, we would also like to thank Greta Benton and Allison Reder who assisted with the Jesus Day retreat for our First Communicants on Saturday, April 2nd.

ANNUAL PLANTING DAY

Saturday, May 14 is the annual planting day here at St. Francis Seraph. It starts at 9:00 AM. A picnic lunch of barbeque ribs and chicken provided. We always ask that members of the congregation bring flowers to plant whether or not they are able to attend. This year we would like to make a specific request on the types of flowers you bring: **Vinca flowers** of all colors. They come in white, pink, mauve and red. The more colors the better our flower boxes will look. The reason for choosing this plant is that it can grow well in full sun. it does not need to be dead-headed and it can tolerate drought conditions. They will cascade well over the boxes. **Geraniums** of all colors. They grow well in full sun and can withstand drought conditions. And, **Outdoor green vine plants** such as ivy.

