

8 Fourth Sunday *Bill Schramm	9 *Greta Niese	10	11 *Barbara Bok	12 *John Hader	13	14 *Judy Wing -Women's Group 10am -Planting Day 9am
15 Fifth Sunday	16	17 *Steve Rollinger	18	19 *Fred Robertshaw	20 *Helen Bender -Anointing of the Sick 8am in Chapel.	21

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #520
Festival Canticle
 Response: #70
All the Ends of the Earth (refrain II)
 Communion: #584 **Come to the Water**
 #940 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
 Recessional: #641
Love Dine, All Loves Excelling



Winner-A-Day Winners: 5/2-5/8
 Tim Kell, Cindy Lewis,
 Tina Candelaresi, Connie Vonerhaar,
 Hannah Hill, David Brune, Alex Hudy. 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! All proceeds benefit our Church
 and School.



Minister Schedule for May 15
Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Dan Nolan, Matt Cavanaugh,
 Don and Kathy Meyer
Lector 1: Jeanette Tepe
Lector 2: Cindy Lewis
Intercessions: Jim Imholte
Eucharistic Minister: Clarissa Irvin
Collection: Barbara Bok, Anne Burkhardt

ANNUAL PLANTING DAY
 This 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
 due to sunlight and drought resistance:
Vinca flowers of all colors. They come in white,
 pink, mauve and red. The more colors the better
 our flower boxes will look. They will cascade
 well over the boxes. **Geraniums** of all colors.
 And, **Outdoor green vine plants** such as ivy.



*"A mother's hug lasts long after she lets
 go." Unknown*



Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rev 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30	Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5a John 13:31-33a, 34, 35
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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.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
 THE HEART OF OVER-
 THE-RHINE**
 1615 Vine Street
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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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter



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 corner-
 stone 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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 All
 Visitors!



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

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Stewardship - Week Ending May 1
 Sunday Collection: \$3,601.00
 Mail in Collection: \$3,030.00
 Total: \$6,631.00



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.

Did you NOT receive a parish email?

On April 26, we sent a parish-wide email concerning the Saturday, April 30, funeral information and news about Sunday, May 1. We are hearing some people did not receive that. If you are one who did not receive that notice, please send your email to our “Office Guy” at joepearce@sfsparish.org. We hope to use this means of communication to alert parishioners to events or news that require a certain time-sensitive notification.

Pastor’s Corner

Fr. Al



I am pleased to share with you that we have a new Principal of our school for the 2022-2023 year! **Mr. Joe Clements** will assume his role on July 1. He has already met our staff and will take part in some decisions such as hiring new teachers and other plans for the next school year. Mr. Clements taught in our school for 7 years (2012 -2019) as a Junior High teacher. For the past three years he has taught at St. Clement School (where two of his children were in school). Over the past three years he has achieved his Master in Education degree from Mt. St. Joseph University. Mr. Clements also has a certificate in English as a New Language from Notre Dame. He also participated in the Archdiocesan Schools Aspiring Leaders Cohort that prepares teachers to take on administrative roles. Mr. Clements has always had a spot in his heart for our school. It was known that this would be his “dream job.” Many of our students and families know him. Some of our staff were here during the years he taught in our school. He knows and loves this school and is ready to take us into the next era of our long history. Our search committee was led by Shelly Kahny, our regional representative in the Archdiocesan Schools Office. Monique Gilliam, a graduate of the school and mother of children in the school now, was a valuable member. Bro. Tim and I, of course, were part of the committee.

Thanks from our school

Vice-Principal Jamie Klauke writes: *“Thank you very much for the gift of food, toiletries and cleaning supplies to benefit St. Francis Seraph School. It brings hope to people we serve, especially our school children. The families were delighted to receive these supplements. May the Lord bless you and those you hold dear with hope and promise. Be assured of a remembrance for you and your family in our prayers.”*

Coming Events

- Today Mother’s Day
- May 14 Women’s Group, 10-Noon
- Flower Boxes Planting Day! 9AM
- May 17 Parish Council Meeting via Zoom



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. **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.



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.



Synod document...The Synthesis of the Synod on Synodality Local Meetings is now available on the Synod page of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website: <http://catholicaoc.org/synod>. This report has been submitted to the USCCB. Deacon John Homoele led the effort with the help of parishioner/leaders in each of the deaneries in our Archdiocese. Rita Reichert, from our parish, was one the two facilitators for our Cathedral Deanery. Everyone who participated in these meetings should be thanked for your input. The Archbishop reviewed it and did not amend or change the report as it was presented.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, May 1



Lillian Luebbe, Elise Kleinschmidt, Kellen McDevitt, Isaac Hill and Henry Meyer made their First Communion last Sunday. What a big day it was for these children, Pat Ruthemeyer, Fr. Al and a big day for all of us at St. Francis Seraph Parish!

Capital Improvements...Work began this week to provide a second bathroom in the church. This should become a reality very soon. Installation of the new heating/air conditioning system should begin soon. Meanwhile, the refurbishing of the stained glass windows will be ongoing. The HVAC Fund received another \$14,000 in donations this week! Now we are close to \$130,000 in this campaign. THANK YOU! Architectural design and survey work continues for the restoration of the 1600 Vine building where we hope Miami University graduate students will live starting in the fall of 2023. These grad students will be teaching in our urban schools—especially CISE schools.

How is it possible... when you can't find something in your house, and Mom is asked where it is, the item magically appears?!



There's no place like home, except Grandma's!