


22 Sixth Sunday *Scott Kiley	23	24	25 *Chris Wilson	26 *Jim Imholte	27 *Christian Jenkins	28
29 *Annabelle Johnson *Carla Sherman *Dan Nolan	30	31 *Randy Ulses	June 1 *Tom Sikes	2 *Paul Kreinbrink *Susan Schmid	3	4

**Music for Today's Liturgy**

Processional: # 

Response:

Communion: # Hymn numbers are posted on the board by the choir.

Recessional: #


**Minister Schedule for May 29**


Coordinator: Lois Biddle  
Greeters: Greta Benton, Clarissa Irvin  
Lector 1: Caroline Brock  
Lector 2: Veree Russell  
Intercessions: Bob Dahlstrom  
Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Diersing  
Collection: Joan Callahan, Denise Ratterman

*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.



**Winner-A-Day Winners: 5/16-5/22** 

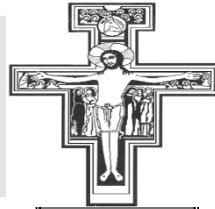
Kevin Holthaus, Irene Herbers, Ruth Ravenna, June Mazzaferri, Ann Donoghue, Theresa Borgman, Lee Comer. All are \$25 winners! The Winner-A-Day Hopper has lots of room. Have you purchased your tickets yet? If not, call the parish office at 513-535-2719 so your name can be in the hopper for the daily drawing. 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.

*"As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud person is always looking down on things and people, and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you." C.S. Lewis*

**Box-Tops for Education** 

Even though school is soon to be out for the summer, St. Francis Seraph School will continue to collect Box Tops from many popular food brands such as Betty Crocker, General Mills, and Pillsbury. Look for the emblem on the package. The process can all be done on your phone. If you have not done so, go to [boxtops4education](http://boxtops4education) to sign up. The school can earn free resources for the teachers, students and classrooms. Thank you!

Today's Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29	Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53
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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
THE HEART OF OVER-  
THE-RHINE**  
1615 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Office: (513) 535-2719

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.

## Sixth 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 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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 Welcome  
 All  
 Visitors!



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

**Parish Council**  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending May 15**  
 Sunday Collection: \$1,399.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 830.00  
 Total: \$2,229.00



Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at [sfparish.org](http://sfparish.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. He is happy to take your prayer request by calling or texting him at 513-404-3688.

## Pastor's Corner



St. Francis' biographer, Thomas of Celano, spoke of Francis in these words:

*"Through the presence of St. Francis and through his reputation, it surely seemed a new light had been sent from heaven to earth, driving away all the darkness that had so nearly covered that whole region that hardly anyone knew where to turn. Deep forgetfulness of God and lazy neglect of the commandments overwhelmed almost everyone, so that they could barely be roused from old, deep-seated evils. He gleamed like a shining star in the darkness of night and like the morning spread over the darkness."*

Sometimes that "deep forgetfulness of God and lazy neglect of the commandments" does spread such great darkness. In Buffalo last week, another white supremacist ravaged a black community—the peaceful space of a grocery store. Still our American love affair with guns will continue to inflict damage. The Russian President continues to inflict his will on a neighboring country with war and all the horrors of that. "Deep-seated evils" are still in our midst. St. Francis somehow shed light in his times. Can we somehow help dispel the darkness? Can we heed the words of Pope Francis asking us to see one another as neighbors? Can we free ourselves of excesses of individualism and be about the common good? Let us pray and find ways to shed some light. This is the kind of Beacon of Light we need!



*Fr. Al*

Low-gluten hosts are available for those with gluten allergy. Simply come to Communion where Fr. Al is distributing and let him know you need such a host. He has them in a separate container.

### Coming Events

May 23 Franciscan Chapter/All Province Assembly begins in afternoon at St. Meinrad, IN. This is a week-long meeting through Friday.  
 May 24-27 No 8AM Masses  
 May 24 SFSS 8th Grade Graduation, 5pm in church  
 May 29 Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord  
 May 30 Memorial Day



**JOY: Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last.**



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.**



Another option is to park in the lot behind the Franciscan Media building. You gain access to this lot via Race Street, north of Liberty. (Race is one way going south into downtown.) It is a short walk around the corner on Liberty Street to church. **This gate will also be locked at 1pm.** We are grateful to Northcrown Properties, 3CDC and Franciscan Media for making available all of these parking options free to our members on Sunday. 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.

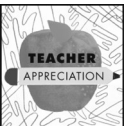
*It is possible to give without loving,  
 but it is impossible to love without giving.*

The ways Mary is honored in the month of May are as varied as the people who honor her. Erecting a special May altar, with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month is another usual practice. Additionally, some parishes practice the tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can do the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

**St. Francis Seraph School celebrates 8th Grade Graduation on Tuesday, May 24, at 5pm.** Here are our 19 graduates and High School choice:  
Simione Campbell Duncan, DePaul Cristo Rey  
Blessed Carson, Seton  
Andrew Dockery, Colerain  
Marxyia Gibson, DePaul Cristo Rey  
Re'Shiair Hardy, Aiken  
Isaiah Hargrove Purcell Marian  
Omari Harris, DePaul Cristo Rey  
Elise Castleberry Kennedy, Undecided  
Keyonna Miles, Aiken  
Jamere Mitchell, Roger Bacon  
Shane Myers, Roger Bacon  
Cedric Nelson, Undecided  
Sa'von Nelon, St. Xavier  
Nazir Powell, Undecided  
Shawntasia Raines, Aiken  
Lofell Tarver, LaSalle  
Jaden Tiller, Purcell Marian  
Shawn Tolbert, Elder  
Tyree Wright, Undecided



### May is Teacher Appreciation Month



And speaking of school, Bro. Tim and Fr. Al hosted an almost-end-of-the-year appreciation reception for our teachers and all the staff of our school on Friday afternoon, May 20. Through all these months of covid pandemic and the usual urban challenges, we owe a debt of gratitude to all of our school staff who have tried their best to help the children of our school learn and achieve some of life's goals based on our Christian/Catholic values.

