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Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #744
As the Fire is Meant for Burning
 Response: #59
Let All the Earth
 Communion: #626 Hallelujah We Sing Your Praises #590 Christ Be Our Light
 Recessional: #546
Go to the World



Winner-A-Day Winners: 6/27-7/3
 Janice Fessel, Judith Graves, Lisa Brackmann, Rachel Newport \$100, last day of month, Kathy Miele, Jim Dunphy, Chuck Hais. All others 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 July 10
Coordinator: Lois Biddle
Greeters: Mary Geers
 And two more volunteers?
Lector 1: Karen Skillman
Lector 2: Diana Campbell
Intercessions: Kathy Meyer
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Schellinger
Collection: Joan Callahan, John Reder

The 4th of July Independence Day is celebrated tomorrow. Maybe you would like to begin the holiday by coming together at the 8AM Mass in the chapel. It is a holiday, not a Holy Day, but certainly there is much for us to give thanks!



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.



Prayer for our journey in life:
 Jesus, you sought the quiet of the desert, teach to pray. Jesus you washed the feet of the apostles, teach us to love. Jesus, you promised paradise to the thief on the cross, teach us to hope. Jesus, you called Peter to walk across the water, teach us to believe. Jesus, you sat among the elders in the temple, teach us to seek answers. And Jesus, you used parables to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom, teach us to teach.

Today's Readings: Is 66:10-14c Gal 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
 Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
 THE HEART OF OVER-THE-RHINE**
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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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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!



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

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Stewardship - Week Ending June 26
 Sunday Collection: \$1,468.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 780.00
 Total: \$2,248.00



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. He is happy to take your prayer request by calling or texting him at 513-404-3688.

Pastor's Corner

As much as we try to be a place of hospitality to folks who face homelessness and all the other issues in their lives, the summer always brings more challenges! Greater numbers of people have been congregating on Republic Street and in front of the church. This brings drinking, some drugging, the loitering and littering, etc. We are asking the Franciscan Province to consider some night hours of security. We are working with the partners at St. Anthony Center, the area residents through Over the Rhine Community Council and the police led PIVOT program. We also make more direct contact with District 1. While many of the folks around here are appreciative of our church as a place to rest and use a bathroom, others aren't so respectful. We're exploring what else we can do.



Fr. Al

St. Francis Seraph School

Even though it is summer, there is still activity! The school has offered summer school to some of our kids which will enable them to be ready to register for the upcoming year and move into their next grade.



Mr. Joe Clements, our incoming Principal, has already been doing a lot of work. He began officially on July 1, but June was busy with interviews for new teachers, working on contracts, etc. He is confident we should be close to having a full slate of teachers signed very soon. Year before last, we had a big turnover of teachers. This year, with changing principals, that turnover was even larger, but we've also been blessed to receive a couple of teachers back to St. Francis!

We are hopeful that we are embarking on a new era for our school!

St. Francis Seraph School continues to participate in the Kroger Rewards Program. You can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com and begin having your rewards benefit our school. Enter St. Francis Church/School and click. It is important to know that you do not lose any of your fuel points by donating to SFS School. Thank you.



What is Your Mission in 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.** 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.



Visitors...St. Francis Seraph has often drawn visitors, being near downtown where so much sports and entertainment happen. Of course, the Franciscan charism is also something people enjoy. There is not a Sunday, when we aren't welcoming someone new. I heard this week, "Oh, we'll probably be parishioners soon." It is wonderful that many parishioners make it their ministry to greet and welcome those who are new! That means a lot to people who come into a church for the first time.

Projects

This past week some progress was made on the window improvements. They are beginning to install the frames for the outside glass. As far as other aspects, the company is having a hard time getting the lead they need. (Maybe we can all donate our pencils!) The 1600 Building is not moving forward much. We should have another meeting with the people from Miami University by the end of July so that we can continue to work out details for the proposed housing for graduate students who can be working in CISE and other urban schools beginning in the fall of 2023. Preliminary architectural drawings are complete and a full survey of the project is nearly finished. The HVAC project has been stalled, but we are hopeful they will be back soon with the equipment and supplies they need to proceed. Funding for this project has now surpassed \$135,000.

Independence Day



Variouly known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, an historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence. And did you know?...As we celebrate our Country's independence and birth this July 4, the founding Fathers of the United States of America were men of deep religious convictions based in the Bible and their Christian faith in Jesus Christ. Of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, nearly half held seminary or Bible school degrees. (history.com)