

7 19th Sunday	8	9	10 *Aaron Brock *Bob Ehrsam	11 *Mary Ellen Addison	12 *Lynette Chancellor *Mark Hayden	13
14 20th Sunday *Eamon McDevitt *Larry Voegele	15	16	17 *John O'Connor	18 *Joseph Lielinski	19	20

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #839  
*As We Gather at Your Table*  
 Response: #47  
*The Cry of the Poor*  
 Communion: #950 *Take and Eat*  
 #792 *Love of the Lord*  
 Recessional: #865  
*Soon and Very Soon*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 8/1-8/7  
 Ed Paff, ADCO Heating, Harold Havens, Sr., Pat Schloemer, Kevin Staigl, Joe Rudemiller, William Madden. 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 August 14**  
Coordinator: Lois Biddle  
Greeters: Mary Geers, Steve Sparks, Gregory Weber  
Lector 1: Caroline Brock  
Lector 2: Tim Candelaresi  
Intercessions: Jeanette Tepe  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney  
Collection: Joan Callahan, Rita Reichert

**Dear St. Francis Seraph Parish,**  
 Our first day of school, August 17th, is quickly approaching!. It is amazing how quickly time flies by in the summer at our school. At this time we are still in need of filling a few positions for the upcoming school year. First we need a grades 6-8 Math and Science teacher. We are also looking for someone to clean our school in a part time capacity. If you could keep our needs in mind as we approach our first day of school we would greatly appreciate it. If anyone has any help in filling these needs for us please do not hesitate to contact me by email or our school phone. [jclements@sfsschool.com](mailto:jclements@sfsschool.com) (513)-721-7778  
 Thanks for all you do for our school!  
 Joe Clements  
 Principal St. Francis Seraph School

*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.



Today's Readings:      Next Sunday:  
 Wis 18:6-9                      Jer 38:4-6, 8-10  
 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19              Heb 12:1-4  
 Luke 12:32-48                  Luke 12:49-53



# 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.

## 19th 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!



Like Us and Spread the Word!

**Sunday Mass**  
 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 July 31**

Sunday Collection: \$1,638.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,761.10  
 Total: \$3,399.10



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**

*Fr. Al*

August 6 and August 9, 1945. The days when the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Archbishop John Wester, Santa Fe, earlier this year wrote a pastoral letter, a Conversation toward Nuclear Disarmament. What an important conversation this is for the life of the world!

Pope Francis in 2019 visited the two Japanese cities. He spoke passionately about the "black hole of death and destruction" and called for a world without nuclear weapons. He stated clearly, "The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possession of atomic weapons is immoral." Wester writes: "I suggest that Jesus is rebuking us. If he rebuked James and John for wanting to call down fire from heaven, He certainly rebukes us for having done it and preparing to do it again. I think we need to hear the great rebuke of Jesus. Nuclear weapons are not the will of the nonviolent Jesus, and it is time that we took his rebuke seriously. If we listen, we can hear Jesus' voice crying out today: Stop building nuclear weapons, do not prepare for nuclear war, dismantle your nuclear weapons, and welcome God's reign of universal love and peace."

In 1984, then President Ronald Reagan spoke directly to the people of the Soviet Union (in his State of the Union address), "There is only one sane policy, for your country and mine, to preserve our civilization in this modern age: A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought. The only value in our two nations possessing nuclear weapons is to make sure they will never be used. But then would it not be better to do away with them entirely?" Another President, Dwight Eisenhower said: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children... This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron."

What's a Christian to do? Learn more and speak up. Pray for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Practice nonviolence, becoming peacemakers. Contact Congresspersons and Senators to support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.



**Make Everyday a Time to Pray**



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 be locked at noon.** We are grateful to Northcrowne 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.



**Summer Raffle...**The St. Francis Seraph School Annual Summer Appeal Raffle continues through the summer toward the raffle drawing. The proceeds are earmarked to assist in providing a great education for the SFS School students. If you need tickets, or need more tickets, please call the parish office at 535-2719. In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the drawing will take place after Mass on Sunday, October 2. Thank you.

**Welcome, Fr. Urban Osuji**

Today, Fr. Urban will preach on behalf of the Missionary Daughters of St. Rita. The Missionary Cooperation Plan assigned him for our Franciscan Family, so he will be preaching the Masses at St. Clement, also. It will be tight, but he will preach at 9:30 Mass at St. Clement and come directly after the homily there to be on time for the homily here! He might be out of breath!

Envelopes marked **MISSIONS** will be available and a special basket will be available for your contributions. You can return an envelope next week, if you are unprepared today.

**Upcoming Events**



- Aug. 15** Teacher's In-service Day.
- Aug. 16** Meeting with Miami University regarding plans for collaboration and use of the 1600 building.
- Aug. 17** First Day of School at SFS.
- Aug. 21** Teachers/Staff of our school at Mass for Blessing.
- Aug. 21** Worship Commission meets, 11:30am
- Aug. 22** "July Chorale" concert will perform here in our church, 7:30pm. FREE!
- Sept. 4** Secular Franciscan Profession at 10am Mass. David O'Brien, the CFO of our Province and newly appointed CFO for the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Province is professed.
- Sept. 8** Deanery Meeting, the first of our expanded deanery, at the Cathedral, 12:30pm.
- Sept. 9-11** St. Clement Festival
- Sept. 17** World Premiere of the "Mass for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi" takes place Saturday, 3pm, in our church. Collaboration of Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM, and Michael Chertock, with orchestral and chorus.

**"Slaves and Kings"...**On August 22, this new film will open in our area. This is the "compelling story of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Spanish Archbishop, writer and missionary." He is the founder of the Claretians, a Roman Catholic Religious Order. The film is produced by the Claretians and Stellarum Films.