

14 20th Sunday *Eamon McDevitt *Larry Voegele	15	16	17 *John O'Connor	18 *Joseph Zielinski	19	20
21 21st Sunday	22	23	24	25 *Karen Weber	26 *Greg Mascunana *Don Meyer	27 *Else Kleinschmidt

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #955
Precious Lord Take My Hand
 Response: #49
Here I Am Lord
 Communion: #780 *Guide My Feet*
 #886 *Immaculate Mary*
 Recessional: #557
Send Down the Fire



Winner-A-Day Winners: 8/8-8/14
 Lois Glacken, Laura Santulla, Cathleen Mucenski, Richard Duval, Kim Plunkett, John Martini, Jaylee Becker. 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 21
Coordinator: Jerry Diersing
Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Dan Nolan, Marilou Priestle
Lector 1: Dave Frondorf
Lector 2: Karen Weber
Intercessions: Sr. Theresa Falkenstien
Eucharistic Minister: Clarissa Irvin
Collection: Barbara Bok, Anne Burkhardt

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 (513)-721-7778
 Thanks for all you do for our school!
 Joe Clements
 Principal St. Francis Seraph School

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.



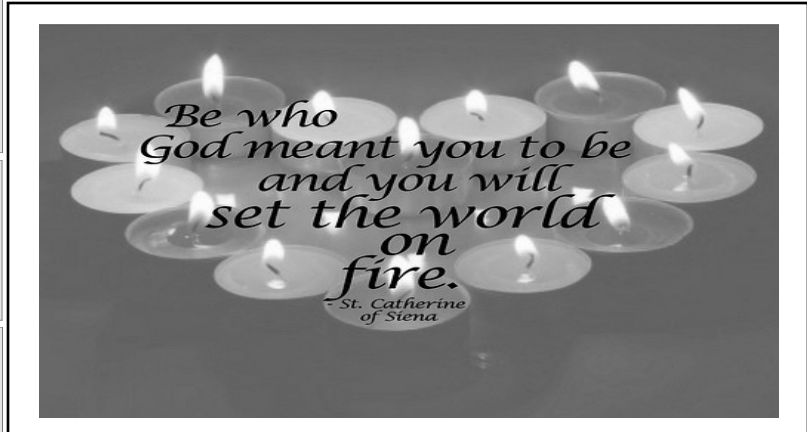
Today's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
 Heb 12:1-4
 Luke 12:49-53
 Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21
 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
 Luke 13:22-30



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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.



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 Aug. 7
 Sunday Collection: \$5,114.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 760.00
 Total: \$5,874.00



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

Pastor's Corner



Chronic homelessness affects so many people in our city and across the nation. We are witnesses to this reality at St. Francis Seraph Church and all the services at St. Anthony Center. During the last City Council elections, so many candidates—and many who were elected—said affordable housing was a priority for them. Promises and realities can be two different things. The City Council has an opportunity to put forward a ballot initiative. A couple of years ago, a 0.3% earnings tax ended (it was for the bus system). The Homeless Coalition and many advocates would like to see that 0.3% tax restored to help fund the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Each year, that 0.3% would generate about \$50 million for this purpose. I believe the voters of Cincinnati should be given the opportunity to vote on this in November.

For that to happen, the Council must act before the end of August to put this on the ballot. You can lift your voice with a simple email to all of the Council members at CityCouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov. If you would like to learn more, I suggest contacting Josh Spring, the Executive Director of the Homeless Coalition: joshspring@cincihomeless.org. I envision at least 50 emails sent to the City Council from our membership. For that to happen, you, YES, YOU need to be one who can take five minutes and simply ask the Council to put this on the ballot in November.



By the way, the city earnings tax would still be less than it is for many other Ohio cities. Act today! Let's try to make housing available to more of the folks on our streets. I spoke on Monday to a gentleman who frequently attends our Sunday Mass. It was his 62nd Birthday and bemoaned he has been homeless for a year, sleeping on concrete, on a "waiting list" for housing. For his sake and so many others, lift your voice, please!

Fr. Al

If anyone has an item or suggestion for the next Worship Committee meeting, August 21, please e-mail Dan Nolan @ dnolan@franciscan.org.



Put God First and You'll Never Be 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 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.



The July Chorale

This choir has been holding practices in our church since July. At 7:30PM on Monday, August 22, they will offer this free, one hour concert featuring sacred and American folk music. Come and enjoy!

One day, all the villagers decided to pray for rain. At the appointed hour, all the people gathered and prayed, but only one person came with an umbrella. That is faith.

Mission Appeal

Last Sunday, August 7, Fr. Urban Osuji appealed for funds. A terrorist attack in the northern part of Burkina Faso has displaced countless people and rendered many women and children, widows and orphans. These widows beg for food during the day and sleep in the streets at night where they become victims of sexual exploitation. The *Missionary Daughters of St. Rita* will use appeal funds to build a hall to accommodate these refugees during the night and protect them from exploitation. During the day the hall will be used to teach skills like sewing and soap making. **\$1,714.00** was contributed on that Sunday. You can still make an offering to this critical need using an envelope marked "MISSIONS"

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. 18 Parish Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Zoom
- 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.

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks. St. Ambrose