

21 21st Sunday	22 Chorale Concert 7:30pm	23	24	25 *Karen Weber	26 *Greg Mascunana *Don Meyer	27 *Elise Kleinschmidt
28 22nd Sunday	29	30 *John Reder *Hope Wilson	31 *Joan Callahan *Marilyn Meyer	Sept. 1	2	3 *Alex Stacey *Dave Frondorf

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #685
How Can I Keep from Singing
 Response: #82
This is the Day
 Communion: #832 **In Christ There is No East or West, #769 Go Make of All Disciples**
 Recessional: #871
We Shall Rise Again



Winner-A-Day Winners: 8/15-8/21
 Cecile Walsh, Janice Fessel, Mike Enginger, Jaxton Becker, Margaret Horne, Lois Glacken, Mary Jo Boerger. 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 28
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller, Marilou Priestle
Lector 1: Bob Dahlstrom
Lector 2: Sue Miele
Intercessions: Kathy McConkey
Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Diersing
Collection: Dave Frondorf, John Reder

Upcoming Events
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 at 3pm, in our church. Collaboration of Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM, and Michael Chertock, with orchestral and chorus.



Today's Readings: Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30	Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14
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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

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 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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus first
 Others second
 Yourself last.*





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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 All
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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. 14 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,091.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,225.00
 Total: \$2,316.00

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 *Fr. Al* 
 ALL ARE WELCOME! Or maybe not?
 A radical change of personnel at the Newman Center at The Ohio State University has unsettled many people. The Paulist priests, who have served there for 66 years, have been dismissed. Now the words: ALL ARE WELCOME have been removed from the sign advertising the St. Thomas More Newman Center. Does that mean all are not welcome? Makes me wonder who is not welcome.

And on the list of hymns that the United States Bishops find questionable is the song: All Are Welcome! Songs have been deemed questionable because they may not express clearly enough our Eucharistic theology. Maybe it is this verse that sinks this song: "Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat, a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God through Jesus is revealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. All are welcome..." The poetry of music is not designed to be a theology lesson. Music moves our hearts, stirs our spirits. Yes, we believe that bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, but isn't there something beautiful in "a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat"? I am of the opinion that if we are Catholic, then all are welcome. Whether we spell Catholic with the big C or catholic with the little c, our Church is known as universal. I hope and pray that our community here at St. Francis Seraph, in the Franciscan spirit, will ever more and more be seen as welcoming. And by the way, we will continue singing—maybe all the more frequently and boldly-- the hymn, "ALL ARE WELCOME!"

ALL ARE
 WELCOME
 HERE AT ST.
 FRANCIS SERAPH
 PARISH!



Archdiocesan 200th Anniversary Books
TREASURES of the Archdiocese of CINCINNATI is a pictorial book of so many of the beautiful churches in the Archdiocese. Yes, St. Francis Seraph is in the book! **\$30.00.** We still have 4 copies available. **SEEKING the LORD**, An Illustrated History of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is available for **\$15.00.** We still have 5 copies available. You will find these on the back table of the church.




Have a Happy Sunday!



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, tomorrow evening, August 22, they will offer a free, one hour concert featuring sacred and American folk music. Come and enjoy!

Welcome to our School Staff!
 Today we have the pleasure of welcoming many of our teachers and staff joining us for our 10:00AM Mass. We will introduce them as a group and extend a blessing upon them. The first day of school was August 17. These dedicated people are helping us fulfill the mission of our parish and school. Whether new or returning, we are glad to celebrate these people who are dedicated to Catholic schooling. Mr. Joe Clements, our Principal, has done a great job recruiting a fine staff.



Greetings St. Francis Seraph Parishioners,

By the time you read this we will have had 3 great days of school under our belts. Our students are in the classrooms learning and our teachers are in the rooms working hard with each and every student. I want to thank everyone who has contacted us and offered us support over the summer weeks and months. We greatly appreciate everything you have done. At this time we have a special request, we have many families who are in need of school uniforms. We have a good supply here at school, but not every size especially for our older and bigger students. We have found the best place for us to get uniforms is at Target. If anyone would like to donate Target gift cards to school we would greatly appreciate them. They would be used strictly for our students who are most in need at this time. We would greatly appreciate any donations and support you can provide us. Thank you for all that you do.



God Bless,
Joe Clements
 Principal St. Francis Seraph School

As a courtesy to our parishioners and guests who may need some assistance walking to and from the church doors, please allow the parking spots in front of church to be used for these folks who find walking with the Lord a little extra challenging!