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Sunday Mass
 10:00 a.m.
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 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
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Stewardship - Week Ending Aug. 21 
 Sunday Collection: \$ 970.00
 Mail in Collection: \$3,500.00
 Total: \$4,470.00
 Mission Collection: \$2,907.00
 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. 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



I recently read that the Catholic edition of the annual report of *The State of Religion and Young People* "makes clear that what young people need when going through difficult times is not advice, answers or apologetics—it's the presence of someone who cares to listen. Young people are increasingly less likely to be engaged with institutional forms of religious expression. Decades-long trends continue: for a large and growing segment of young people, religiosity is increasingly decoupled from institutions, even as they express high levels of religious belief, practice and identity."

My experience tells me that this is increasingly true of many of us at all ages! The institutional aspects of our Church are often actually hurtful, out of touch or not applicable to my life. As a parish community we need to find strength in one another and in our faith in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Al

Just a reminder from last week, Principal Joe Clements is asking for 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.

Humble yourself and become exalted.
 A humble person is at peace with themselves and others. Humility embraces contentment and simplicity. It doesn't need to have the nicest or be the best. Humility puts relationships before the need to be right. Humility enjoys balance and harmony. A humble person is grateful. Humility isn't entitled. Humility is thankful for the many blessings received in life.

A humble person is slow to offend and quick to forgive. Humility is keenly mindful of the grace it has received and is quick to extend that grace to others.



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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.



Breathe in God's Spirit; Exhale God's Love.

Deacon Don Meyer

Deacon Don has been serving the Parish of St. John the Baptist in Harrison, Ohio for fifteen years. He has just been granted Senior Status by Archbishop Schnurr. At the same time, the Archbishop has honored Don's request to transfer his assignment to St. Francis Seraph. Don's activities in our parish will gradually involve helping us with our social justice ministries. His wife, Kathy, joined the parish over a year ago and now they can both fully engage in the life of our community. At this time, Don is not looking for any liturgical roles, though he might be called upon in the future to preside at a wedding or Baptism.

Welcome, Deacon Don!

Parish Council Notes

Some highlights of topics that were discussed by the full Council:
 The renovation of the building at 1600 Vine is in the planning stages. Miami University is committed to a program for teachers pursuing graduate degrees to live in this community setting while teaching in our CISE and other urban schools. Fr. Al informed the Council that we will hire someone to do grant writing. This is potentially a million dollar project, for which we have in a grant and special fund already \$383,000. There is confidence that this will be a very attractive project and should garner generous support. Council cautioned that we would not want to dip far into our endowment fund, especially while the stock market downturn has decreased the value of these funds. BLINK was another big topic. Full details of our planning will be announced soon. We hope to have parishioners volunteer as ambassadors all 4 nights of Blink, with simple food to sell and music playing in the church with lights on and doors open. The hope is that people will be interested in the history and present reality and mission of our parish, maybe attracting people to "come and see." Plans were finalized for Parish Council elections. Carol Metz will make an announcement about nominations this Sunday, August. 28. We decided this is not a year to try and have a Parish Picnic. The Finance Report was reviewed with few questions or concerns. We chose someone in our parish to receive the Dorothy Stang Award for service in light of the social justice teachings of our Church. This will be announced soon.