



ST. LEO THE GREAT

PARISH & SCHOOL

May 8, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30AM and 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office.

BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

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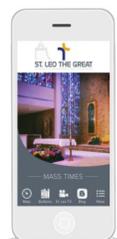
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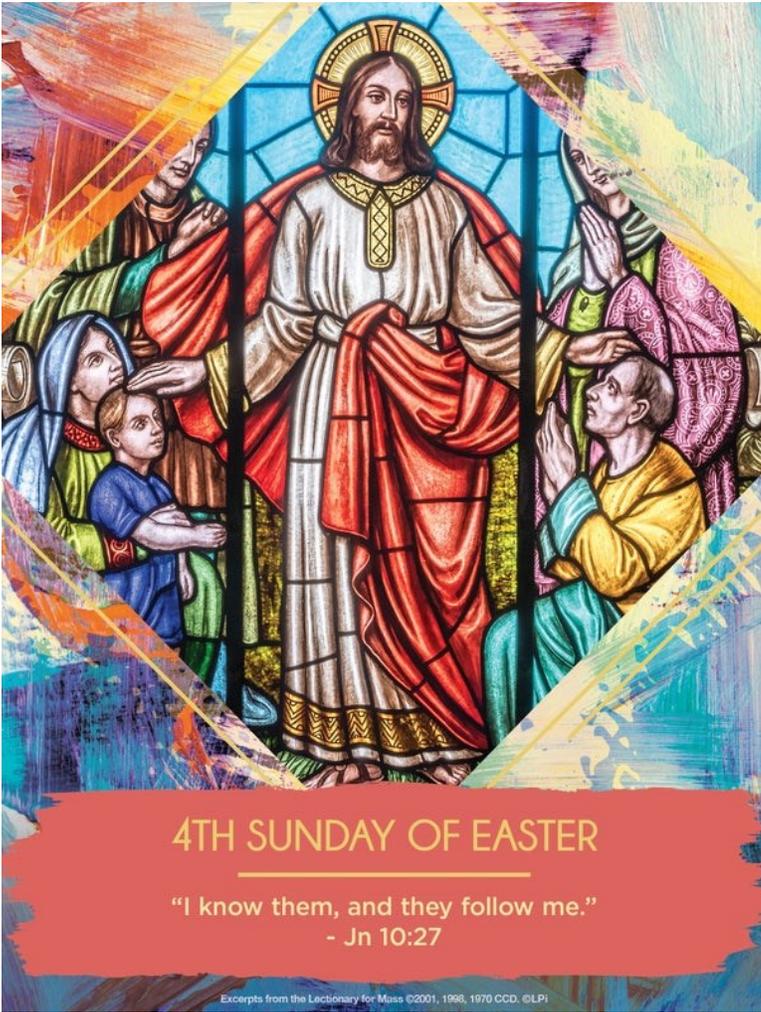
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MAY 8, 2022 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I know them, and they follow me.”
- Jn 10:27

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the young boys and girls of our parish who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7th, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please keep these boys and girls in your prayers as they receive Jesus in the celebration of the Eucharist.

- Sofia Moreno-Guerra
- Monica Moreno-Guerra
- Carter Lee
- Ayden Ramos
- Aizen Sierra
- Ethan Simon
- Carter Smith
- Gracie Sulecki
- Caleb Tipton
- Wyatt Thomas
- Austin Warner

Pro-Life Group

Please join the Pro-life group on Wednesday, May 11 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center if you are able. We are doubling down on prayer for the Supreme Court decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* case that has been in the works for quite a while. The members of the Supreme Court have been considering this case and are due to release their opinions on it in early June. We are praying that they will overturn the *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973 that legalized abortion on demand as a “right” for all pregnant women, at any stage of their pregnancy, UP TO THE TIME OF DELIVERY! Overturning this decision is an admission that it is unconstitutional.

Many states, including Ohio, have various laws in place that limit the period and conditions under which abortions can be performed. However, as Catholic Christians, we believe and know from science that LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION, and therefore any abortion at any time and for any reason is just wrong.

Please join us to pray that the Supreme Court recognizes the right to life as our founding fathers spoke of it in the Declaration of Independence, in 1776, at the beginning of our country. If you -have any questions about the meeting, please call Chris at 216-741-1536, or Dennis at 216-398-2830. If you cannot attend, please pray at home for this intention.

St. Charles Borromeo Ladies Guild Presents

TEA...riffic...TEA

High Tea Party for ages 10-99

Saturday, May 21, 2022 | St. Charles Gym | Noon – 3:30pm



Enjoy a lite luncheon of chicken salad, croissant, fresh fruit salad, all the bakery you can eat, tea and coffee. Plus, raffle prizes for all ages!

Featuring Guest Speaker:
Sister Denise Marie Vlna, O.S.U.

Tickets can be purchased at the St. Charles Rectory for
\$15.00 ages 16-99 | \$12.00 ages 10-15
Please no younger children!

Bring a friend, sister, daughter, or granddaughter
And... Make sure to bring your favorite tea cup and saucer!

Questions? Call Pat Lawler 440-781-7807
or Pam Bennett 440-773-3291

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Ana Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Denise Warnock, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Greg Wasacz, Stan Wasacz, Joe Barr, Mary Ann & Doug Kiesel, & Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski

MASST INTENTIONS

- Monday, May 9th—Easter Weekday 8:30am +George Santana (Rita Santana)
Tuesday, May 10th—Easter Weekday 8:30am Deacon Pat and Joan Berigan 47th Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday, May 11th—Easter Weekday 8:30am +Leoncio Lobregat (Cora Dejel)
Thursday May 12th— Easter Weekday 8:30am Communion Service
Friday May 13th—Easter Weekday, Our Lady of Fatima 8:30am +Kozlowski and Neroni Families (Family)
Saturday May 14th – St. Matthias, Apostle 4:00pm +Loretta Zola (Tony, Chris, and Alyssa Lizzini)
Sunday, May 15th— Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00am .+Dina Family and Friends (Family) 11:00am People of the Parish

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.



Sean Homcy St. Clement, Lakewood Pre-Theology, Saint Mary

Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

None of the readings at liturgy during the seven-week Easter Season are from the Old Testament. In its place, we read from the Acts of the Apostles to show how the Easter message spread far and wide to all parts of the Mediterranean world. Today, Paul and Barnabas are preaching in what is now central Turkey.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17

The book of Revelation was not intended to predict actual people and events in future times. The Author was concerned only about people and events in this own time and was given no privileged information about the future. In today's passage, the author encourages people of that time by presenting a vision of God's people enjoying heavenly life.

Readings for the week May 8, 2022

- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-1



SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday Collection.....\$5,351.15
WeShare.....\$1,795.00
Total.....\$7,146.15

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

St. Leo the Great School Now Enrolling For the 2022-2023 School Year



Cleveland Scholarships Available! Call 216-661-2120, visit www.leotheadgreat.org or please contact Mrs. Burns, Principal at dburns@leotheadgreat.org for more information.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

May 8, 2022 | 4th Sunday of Easter



“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants.

Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God’s pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day’s end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.



St. Vincent De Paul

To assist those in need the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and staple collection is next weekend May 14th and May 15th. Items that we are most in need of are: CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED CARROTS, BAKE BEANS, ASSORTED SOUPS, RAMEN NOODLES, CANNED PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, CANNED FRUIT, TUNA FISH, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, RICE AND NOODLE SIDES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING MIX, DISHWASHING SOAP AND BAR SOAP. Whatever you are able to donate is distributed and is very much appreciated by our clients. Because of you we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you!

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLES



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Don’t forget to bring back your baby bottle (filled or not) the weekend of May 14th and 15th for Womankind. The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and a full range of support services to pregnant women in need. For more information about Womankind, check out their website.

BUS TRIPS

LUNCH CRUISE ABOARD THE NAUTICA QUEEN

Wednesday, June 29

\$70.00 per person

Shop/browse - West Side Market

Deadline for reservations: Tuesday, May 17

Deadline for payment: Tuesday, May 31

SENECA NIAGARA/SENECA ALLEGANY CASINOS

Monday, July 11 & Tuesday, July 12

Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel—overnight stay

Monday July 11, walking distance to the falls.

Casino Bonus \$35 slot play & \$15 food credit

Seneca Allegany Casino—Tuesday, July 12

Casino bonus: \$25 slot play

\$287 per person—Single occupancy

\$196 per person—Double occupancy

\$188 per person - Triple occupancy

Deadline for reservations—Friday, May 20

Deadline for payment—Wednesday, May 25

RIVERS CASINO—Wednesday, August 17

\$48 per person, Casino Bonus: \$20 in slot play, \$5 food credit



Contact Sandy Diaddario -
216-926-3123

Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

William Rebello was married to his wife Amy for just under 50 years and had 4 sons. I visited with them in their home several years ago to offer William the Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist and I know that his struggle with illness had lasted many years. But I knew right away how devout they both were. I only learned recently that William had served as a Jesuit priest in India and that faith continued to remain alive in his marriage and family life. After his obituary opened with words from the 23rd Psalm, it said that William lived his life with faith and generosity. We pray that the Good Shepherd will reward him and bring comfort to his wife and children as we offered his Funeral Mass on Friday, April 29th.

On Saturday, April 30th, we gave thanks for the life of Katherine Canaly who had a devotion to Mary and to the prayer of the rosary. She was married for 30 years and had children and grandchildren. We celebrated her virtuous life whereby she would give food or clothing or even a place to stay to children of her neighborhood. These are the things that Christ said will determine our worthiness for eternal life. She was also described as patient, understanding, non-judgmental and compassionate. We thank God for these virtues in her life and pray that they may gain for her eternal life with the Risen Lord.

This weekend we welcome the children of our parish who will be making their First Holy Communion. It is a joy for us to see them receiving the Eucharist for the first time and pray that it may be the food that sustains them weekly throughout the rest of their lives for like the food that nourishes our body, this is the food that gives strength to our spirit. Please pray for these children and for their parents that together they may pray together, stay together and know of God's love together.

We also extend our prayers and gratitude to our mothers, both living and deceased during this Mother's Day weekend. It is during the month of May that we also dedicate these days to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother as well. May she pray for our mothers wherever they may be and may we bring joy to our mothers by a loving and fruitful way of life.

We also congratulate Ava & Evan Heinz, both of whom will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday. Ava will also be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. They both attend Incarnate Word school, where the students make these sacraments at their home parish. So we are happy to celebrate these sacraments with them and pray for their continued growth in God's grace.

We will be celebrating a Baccalaureate Mass with the eighth graders of our parish school this Friday. Since I will be in the Holy Land on the day of their graduation May 24th, I am glad to have this opportunity to pray with them and to ask God's blessing on them as they celebrate their accomplishments here at St. Leo's and continue their journey after graduation. It is always bitter sweet to see these young men & women graduate for we are proud of how they have grown over the years yet sad to see them leave our parish school. But we trust that God will continue to bless them abundantly as they walk the journey of life and faith.

Fr. James Schmitz

BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be June 1, August 3, and September 7, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions,
contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by
email: jberigan@leothegreat.org.**

PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or email her at jberigan@leothegreat.org for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.



- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website www.leothegreat.org to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

ST. LEO THE GREAT—CLEVELAND, OHIO



ST. LEO THE GREAT PRESENTS: A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Proceeds to benefit St. Leo the Great Athletics and PTC

Saturday, May 21, 2022 - Lux Hall

4900 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109

Doors Open at 6:00PM

For \$30 per person you can enjoy an evening filled with friends, food, drinks, betting, raffles, and horse races!

Buy and Own a Horse!

Horse owners and names will be printed in the event program and announce prior to and during the race. Even if you are unable to attend, you can still be a horse owner. You choose the name of your horse. There are 10 races with 10 horses each (one of the races will be an auction race; with the winner receiving 50% of the pot! Owner of the winning horse receives a \$40 cash prize! Horses will be placed in random order. There will be no limit to the number of horse you can buy. **Horses are \$20 each.** **Name your horses on the attached form.**

Sponsor a Race!

You can sponsor one of the 10 races, in doing so you get a business card size ad and name printed in the program. Sponsors will be announced prior to the race and your logo will be displayed on the screen on event night. **Race sponsorship is \$100.**

Advertise in the Program!

Full Page Ad (4.25x11) ----- \$75
Half Page Ad (4.25x5.5) ----- \$50
Quarter Page Ad (4.25x2.75) --- \$25

***Please include ad copy, logo, photo, or ready-made ad with order. Email to Kaitlinginter@gmail.com

ORDER FORM - PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR

Item	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
Event Ticket		\$30	
Race Sponsor		\$100	
Full Page Ad		\$75	
Half Page Ad		\$50	
Quarter Page Ad		\$25	
		Total:	\$

Name _____
 Address 1 _____
 Address 2 _____
 Phone Number _____

Tickets can be purchased through <https://StLeoTheGreat.eventbrite.com>, The Church Rectory, or The School Office. Checks can be made payable to St. Leo the Great PTC. Purchases will be accepted until May 16, 2022. Special arrangements can be made by contacting Kaitlin Ginter 440-429-7613.

In Loving Memory
Katherine Belle
(Pharis) Canaly
 July 6, 1926 - March 22, 2022

Sleep well, Dearest Mother.
For you have served us with your hands,
and loved us with your heart,
and we shall be surrounded by your
goodness for the rest of our days.
Sleep in peace, Dearest Mother

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 216.741.7700

St. Edward Get the Edge Camp

St. Edward's Summer Enrichment Camp for Boys Entering Grades 7&8

Dates: Weekday's from Monday, June 13 - Friday, July 1

Time: 8:30 am — 12:30 pm **ⓔ** **ⓔ**
Cost: \$300

Location: St. Edward High School

To learn more and to register, please visit:
sehs.net/gte



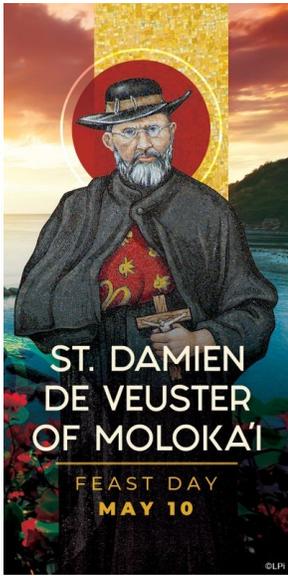
In Memory Of
William Rebello

November 13, 1934
 April 22, 2022

Interment
 Brooklyn Heights Cemetery
 Sanctuary of Life
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God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around you, and whispered, "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest: God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Yurch Funeral Home

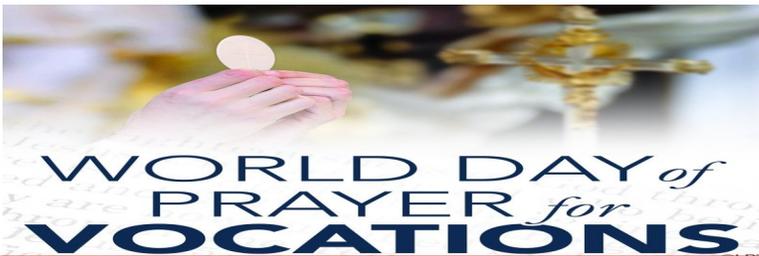


St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i | May 10

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.



St. Edward High School



Congratulations to former St. Leo Student Shawn Komora for making Honor Roll for the third quarter!

**RAFFLE
WINNER**

May 2, 2022

Edward Rospotynski



Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, May 22nd from 8-Noon. Please consider donating due to the critical need for blood. Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org. Walk ins will not be accepted due to scheduling issues. Thank you for your support. God Bless and stay healthy.