

September 25, 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

COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday | 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.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP!

Read the latest bulletin, Pastor's blog and find other useful information on your mobile device.

Instagram [@leothegreatorg](https://www.instagram.com/leothegreatorg)



Facebook—[leothegreatorg](https://www.facebook.com/leothegreatorg)



Twitter [@leothegreatorg](https://twitter.com/leothegreatorg)



FESTIVAL RAFFLE EARLY BIRD DRAWING

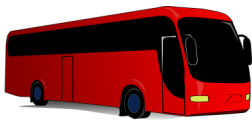


Don't forget to get your raffle ticket stubs in. The Final Early Bird Drawing is SEPTEMBER 25th (THIS WEEKEND). All Ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 22nd. Get those tickets in!



The Catholic Church in the United States marks National Migration Week Sept. 19-25 as an opportunity for the faithful to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, refugees, and victims of human trafficking, among others. The weeklong observation customarily concludes with the Vatican's World Day of Migrants and Refugees on the last Sunday of September.

Visit justiceforimmigrants.org for more information



BUS TRIPS

For more information please
contact Sandy Diaddario
216-926-3123

LAS VEGAS LIVE! CHRISTMAS REVIEW

Where: Columbiana, Ohio

When: Sunday, November 20th

Cost: \$140 per person

Includes: Dinner Show

Details: An electrifying Las Vegas style Christmas show performance of Christmas songs, along with top hits of some of the most legendary Las Vegas singers. A holiday show reminiscent of the Christmas television specials of days gone by. Firestone Park Christmas Lights.

Payment due by: Friday September 28

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Where: Amish Country

When: Monday, November 14th

Cost: \$80 per person

Includes: Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant

Details: Shop/Browse: Smucker's, Coblenz Chocolates, Schrock Heritage Villages, Tis the Season—receive an ornament, Walnut Creek Cheese, Breitenbach Winery (sample on own)

Reservation Due: Friday, September 30

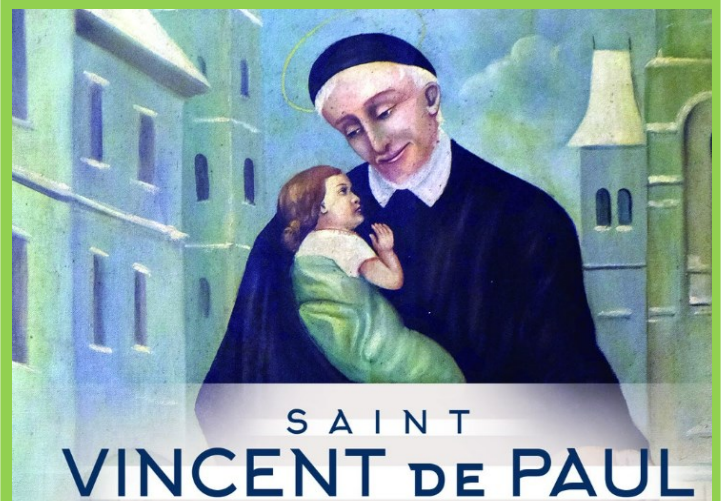
Payment Due by: Friday, October 14



WE NEED YOU!

**Be a part of the reason our
festival is so GREAT!**

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in
the main vestibule of the church
—a little help can help a lot.



"I was hungry and you fed me." —Matthew 25:35

We "thank you" for your very generous donations of food and staples. Without your help, the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program would not be able to exist at St. Leo the Great. Your generosity makes it possible to help others! Thank you!

BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON



The weekend of October 8th & October 9th marks the 36th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aide the poor. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, they will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you—making your money go *even further* with bulk purchase of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged.

Simply put your cash or check in one of the Blanket Sunday envelopes that are on the tables at the entrances of the church or in any envelope you may have and mark it "SVDP Blanket Sunday" then drop it in the collection basket or over at the rectory office.

Please "blanket" someone for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



St. Francis of Assisi loved all of God's creatures. In honor of the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, there will be an animal blessing on Saturday, October 1st, at 11:30a.m. in the area near the Marian Shrine. Please bring your pets and join us for this special blessing. Please remember that all pets must be on a leash or held and PLEASE clean up after your pets.

"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures" (from the Canticle of the Creatures written by St. Francis of Assisi)



ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 26th — Weekday

8:30am +Linda DeBaltzo (Family)

Tuesday September 27th—St. Vincent de Paul

8:30am +Marie Stankiewicz (Diane & Carmen Scipione)

Wednesday September 28th— Weekday

8:30am +Bessie Muraco (Fr. Jim Schmitz)

Thursday September 29th—Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

8:30am Communion Service

Friday September 30th—St. Jerome

8:30am +Donna Martins (Janet Golla)

Saturday October 1st—St. Therese of the Child Jesus

4:00pm Happy 50th Anniversary

Georgene & Les Kingery (Addie, Ellie & Family)

Sunday October 2nd— 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish

11:00am +Larry Bronecki (Cindy & Brian Novak)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

FIRST READING: AMOS 6:1, 4-7

Our first reading is from Amos, the prophet of social justice. In today's passage he denounces the hollow prosperity of the rich, a self-indulgent life style maintained at the expense of the poor.

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

In the latter years of the first century, when the first letter to Timothy was written, Church leaders were concerned that Christianity not be seen as opposed to the good order of society. So, today's passage pictures Paul exhorting Timothy to lead an upright life.

SUNDAY Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

MONDAY Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

TUESDAY Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/
Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

FRIDAY Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/
Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/
Lk 10:17-24

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'"
- Lk 16:25

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, 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, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Fr. Thomas C. Gilles, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Cecilla (CiCi) Choromanski, Megan Arena, Judy Kucia, Lena Sunyak, Theresa Truxall and Chuck Pacanovsky, Jim Hiendlmayer, Susan Fenski



KYLE ROSSER
ST. PETER, LORAIN
II THEOLOGY, SAINT MARY

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life. Pray that may continue to persevere & that others may respond to God's call.

Sanctuary Candle Intention

September 25—October 9

Ronald Vance

"We love you"

- Bernadine & Family



ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 25, 2022 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Gospel
Meditation*

“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and

have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become “all about me,” preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are “useful” to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as “the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.” In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel “entitled” to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life’s challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. “The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas).” Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

SEEING GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

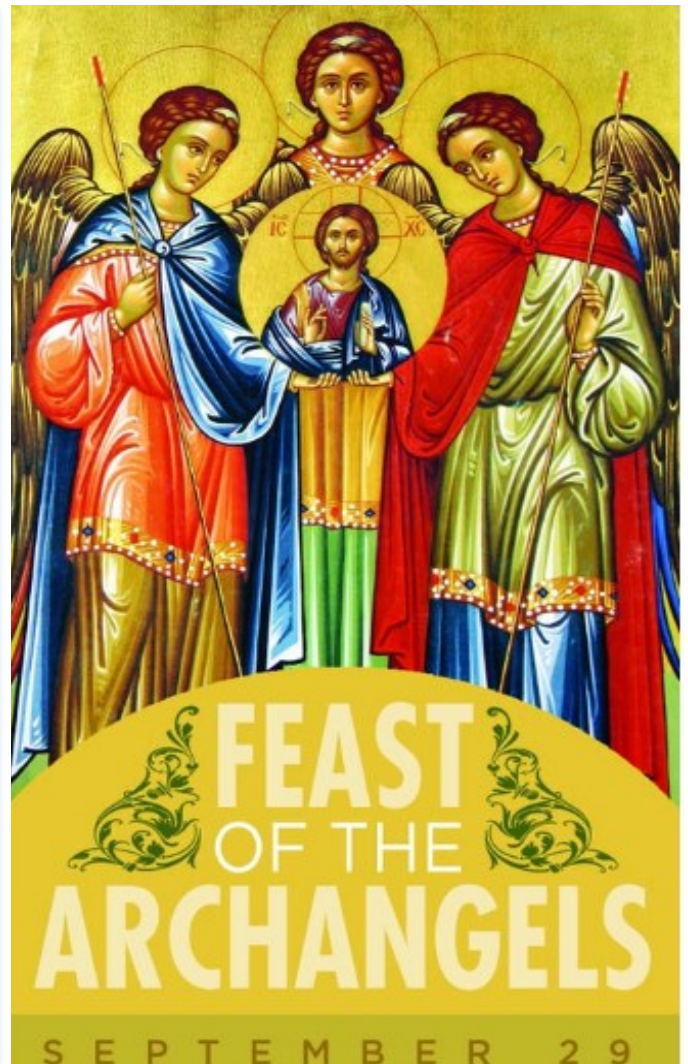
Whatever your game of choice, I’ll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we’re being honest with ourselves, it’s actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn’t care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to “compete well for the faith.” These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn’t jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn’t setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace. Competition doesn’t have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn’t have to mean ferocity and lack of principle.

Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There’s a competition that isn’t a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let’s strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

I had a funeral home service for Donald Novak on Saturday, September 17th. Don was the husband of Bette Novak, whose funeral Mass I celebrated last November. Don was not Catholic but would attend Mass with his wife Bette when he was well enough to do so. Unfortunately, Don suffered from dementia for many years and I remember talking to his wife about that a number of times when she would come for the 8am Sunday Mass. May they be together again and join in the praise of God in the heavenly kingdom.

Congratulations to Kristen Breitmeyer (from St. Leo's) & Kyle Kadlec who are getting married this weekend. May they both enjoy a long and fruitful marriage.

We also welcome Sam Zint who is being baptized this Sunday. May the Lord bless him and his parents (married here at St. Leo's) as they begin their family.

Next Saturday, October 1st, we will have our annual Pet Blessing at 11:30am (weather-permitting) at our outdoor Marian Shrine. May St. Francis of Assisi intercede for us as we enjoy these creatures that God has made for our enjoyment.

I wanted to thank you for your patience if you have reached out to me via email or voicemail. These modern tools of technology are both a blessing and a curse! They are a blessing because they allow people to make contact with others, but they can also overwhelm at times. I do my best to return both emails and voicemails as quickly as possible, but I do prioritize so please know that I respond not "in the order that they are received" but according to priority. If I have an email where someone is sharing pictures they took on their vacation, I won't respond as quickly as I would to a voicemail that someone is in need of being anointed. I want you to know that I appreciate everyone's attempt to make contact with me, but I apologize if I'm not able to respond to you in a timely manner due to the sometimes overwhelming number of calls and emails I receive (not to mention texts as well). At a pastor's workshop I attended a number of years ago, I remember them saying that email is the work of the devil! And to some extent, I'm inclined to agree. But again, it's a tool that enables people to reach out to us in ways they couldn't before. I also want to let you know that if you don't hear back from me, especially after calling, very often that is because I call the number back only to receive a message that "this voicemail box has not been set up yet" or "I'm sorry but this voicemail box is full and cannot accept any more messages." It can be challenging especially for older people to know how to deal with the complexity of setting up voicemail on their cell phone or to know how to retrieve the messages. So if you don't hear back from me, please don't hesitate to give another call as that is likely the reason.

I also want to let you know that when our livestreaming technology is not available, especially on a weekend, it is likely due to the fact that our internet service is down, and unfortunately our IT ("Internet technology") company does not work on the weekend so we have to wait until Monday (at least) for the problem to be resolved. Our phone system is also driven by the internet, so if you can't get through to us with a phone call, that is also likely the reason. However we figured out a way to continue to use livestreaming using a cell phone and a mobile hotspot should the internet go down, and we are going to try to have phone calls forwarded to my cell phone should our phone system go down as well so we'll do our best to deal with these technology issues as best we can.

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 October 5, November 2, and December 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 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.

First Day of Autumn is September 22, 2022

Happy Fall,
Y'ALL!



Please join us for donuts and coffee after the 8:00a.m and 11:00a.m Masses on Sunday, September 25th.

Pray, Hope & **"Donut"** Worry
—Saint Padre Pio

SENIORS MEETING

Hello Members! This coming Wednesday, September 28, 2022 is GAME DAY. We will have a shorter meeting followed by those games we like to play so much. Please arrive around 11a as usual. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Then it's game time! See you all there!

St. Leo Seniors meet on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month from 11a-2p for socializing, lunch, business meeting, and a program (guest speakers, bingo, games, and other activities. There are also trips to plays, shrines, and other places of interest. For more information please contact Barbara Mudrey at 216-398-7709

Post Cana Night

Please join us for a date night of prayer and community with speakers Mark & Lauren Loboda as they give us their reflections and insights on the vocation of marriage.



RSVP required at stcharlesonline.org/post-cana

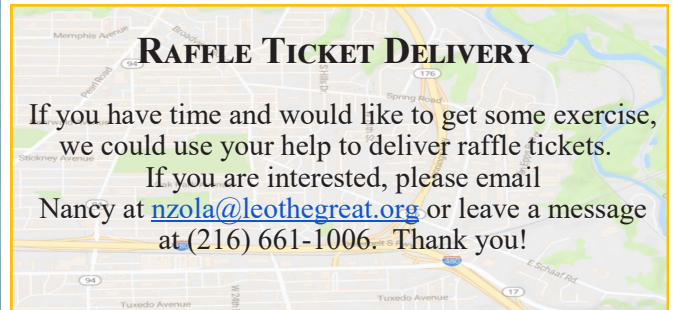
When: October 7, 2022
Where: St. Charles Borromeo Parish
5891 Ridge Rd, Parma, OH 44129
Lower Parish Hall

Please bring a drink of your choice and an appetizer to share. Babysitting will be available!

RAFFLE TICKET DELIVERY

If you have time and would like to get some exercise, we could use your help to deliver raffle tickets.

If you are interested, please email Nancy at nzola@leothegreat.org or leave a message at (216) 661-1006. Thank you!



The Great Sweepstakes

September 19th, 2022
Sylvia Ciereszewski



PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 11
2022

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!

Sunday Envelope	\$ 5,505.75
WeShare	\$ 1,873.50
Total	\$ 7,379.25
Capital Improvements	\$ 381.00
WeShare	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 401.00
SVDP Labor Day	\$ 121.00
WeShare	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 321.00

GRANT THEM Eternal Rest

In Memory of
Jeanne A. Ulrich

August 22, 1926
September 12, 2022

Brooklyn Heights Mausoleum
Sanctuary of Angels- South
Section 70 Tier 6 Letter G

Old Friends

Old friends are one of life's treasures, Though new friends are also worthwhile; But the ones we have journey the years with are the ones who bring forth a sure smile!

How dear are the ones with whom we have cried or laughed, recalling some tale

As we know with the passing of time, Their love for us never will fail!

New friends may soon fall away, For they have not weathered the years, Have not been sweet partners in prayer,

As we share our joys and fears. Old friends know our strength and weaknesses

Almost as God knows our lives- Yet, their love is as sure as forever, Like the sun, the moon, and the tides!

Yurch Funeral Home

In Loving Memory of
Donald C. Novak

Born February 6, 1936
Entered into Eternal Rest
September 13, 2022

Interment Holy Cross
Section 4 Lot 38 Grave 2

Take me out to the ball game.

Take me out with the crowd.

Buy me some peanuts
and cracker jack.

I don't care if I never get back.

Let me root, root, root
for the home team.

If they don't win it's a shame.

For it's one, two, three
strikes, you're out.

At the old ball game!

Fortuna FUNERAL HOME

7076 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH 44131

September 25, 2022— 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Ignatius High School is offering a brief introduction to the Latin, French and Mandarin language in their respective cultures for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades. The courses are held on Saturdays. The Latin course runs from 1:00p until 2:00p. The sessions begin on October 22 and end on November 12th. The French course runs from 11:00a. until 12:00p. The Mandarin course runs from 12:00p until 1:00p. These sessions begin October 29 and end November 19th. The courses are FREE.

Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 216-651-0222 ext.2453 or email jzebrak@ignatius.edu before the courses begin.

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland
216.245.9744



Unite with hundreds of other cities around the world for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history: the *40 Days for Life* campaign. Recognizing that "with God all things are possible," people of faith are praying that this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

40 Days for Life
has achieved proven results:

1,200,000 people mobilized worldwide	239 converted abortion workers
21,650 lives saved from abortion	116 abortion facilities closed

40 Days for Life is made up of three components:

PRAYER & FASTING:

believers throughout our city invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

help take a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility

PEACEFUL VIGIL:

stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness at the vigil sites listed below...

Preterm - Cleveland
12000 Shaker Blvd.
Peggy 216-382-9170
www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland

Planned Parenthood
25350 Rockside Road
Mary 440-897-0656
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

Family Planning - Painesville
54 South State Street
Carol 440-823-1204
www.40daysforlife.com/painesville

Learn how you can speak up for those who



Faith Formation

Faith Formation is for Preschool through 8th grade students and anyone from their family who wants to strengthen their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We as Catholics are called to share the Good News. To continue to learn and never stop learning is how we keep our Faith, His truth, alive. Join in the conversations that take place three Sundays a month between September 11th, 2022 and May 28th, 2023. For more information please email Joann Deranek at jderanek@leothegreat.org or call the rectory 216-661-1006.

Parent Teacher Committee

Bringing Parents and Teachers together to create and host fun activities throughout the school year for the students of St. Leo the Great! If you are a parent of a child at St. Leo school (Preschool thru 8th grade) please consider joining our efforts and attend a meeting to listen in —volunteer the time and talents you have to offer to help make our PTC all the more successful. Fundraising, networking, chairing events such as trunk-or-treat, family movie night, breakfast with Santa, the Sweetheart dance, to name a few, is a wonderful way to get involved in your child's school life and meet their friends and their families. The more the Merrier! We welcome you all and all the ideas you have to make it GREAT!

Email PTC@leothegreat.org for more details!