

# August 13, 2023 The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

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SCHOOL HOURS: Please note that our School Office

is currently operating under Summer Hours while school is not in session.

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm Sundays | 8:00am and 11:00am

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:30am

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am and 7:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10:00a-10:30a, 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 or use our website.

#### BAPTISMS

Parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to contact the Rectory 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 interested about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.

If you or a family member are ill or homebound please let us know so that our priest or deacon can visit and provide spiritual care.



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## COME ONE -- COME ALL!

to the

# ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH PICNIC

# SUNDAY AUGUST 13th

12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. (rain or shine!)



Serving Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Please bring a side dish/dessert to share Pop and water available



"Back to School Drive"

While it is hard to believe, school will be starting very soon, and this year we are again asking for CASH ONLY

CONTRIBUTIONS to our "Back to School Drive". If you are able and would like to make a donation just put your cash or check in an envelope and mark the envelope "Back to School Drive" and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Rectory Office. We thank you very much for your continued generosity to help us support our families as their children return to school.

# FESTIVAL NEWS ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

The parish Festival will be **Friday, October 20th, and Saturday, October 21st**, this year. Each parish family is asked to participate in the Festival raffle. The Festival raffle tickets are in the main vestibule of the church. Due to space constraints, raffle tickets for zip codes 44109, 44131, 44134 and 44144 are in the vestibule. Parishioners living outside those zip codes can pick up their tickets in the rectory. Please pick up your packet of tickets before or after Masson the weekends. (All ticket stubs will be entered in the main drawing on October 21st).

#### EARLY BIRD DRAWING

And the winner of the FIRST early bird drawing is...**Bernadine Vance!** There are two more opportunities to win the

early bird drawing —September 3rd and September 24th—so get those tickets in early and win a prize of \$100!



Mark your calendars to join us for Mass, events & activities throughout the year!

Are you a former student of St. Leo School? Is your child a former student of St. Leo School? Please, let us know by completing a form on the parish website leothegreat.org. Under "Organizations" tab select *Alumni Association*. We hope to hear from you!

Parish Picnic — August 13, 2023 | 12:00pm —2:00pm Feast of the Assumption —Tuesday, August 15th Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Rosary—Thursday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.

**Photo Opportunity** —September 9th & 10th following all of the Masses. A photographer will be available in the vestibule of the church to take pictures of each parish family to mark the parish's 75th anniversary.

**Parish Service Day** — Pitch in with fellow parishioners to make our parish buildings shine for our 75th anniversary!

**Parish Open House**—An opportunity to see changes taken place over the last 75 years!

**Presentation on the Eucharist**—Oct. 15th at 6:00 p.m. (in the church)

#### **Memories**

I remember a parish picnic that took place one of the first years that Fr. Jim was pastor at St. Leo's. One of the maintenance crew members was assisting with setting everything up and taking everything down. He kept his eye on the weather app on his phone as dark clouds started to appear. About a half hour before the picnic was scheduled to end, he thought everyone should head for home. Everyone worked quickly to pack up and put everything away, and the last of the tables and chairs were stored inside just as the rain started to pour down. Perfect timing!

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES WITH US! You can submit them to nzola@leothegreat.org or write it down on a piece of paper and turn it in to the Rectory Office. We also welcome photos throughout the year of the people and events taking place. Send them to photos@leothegreat.org



The parish picnic has been around for many years. Parishioners were encouraged to bring their picnic lunch, although the Holy Name

Society set up a table where they sold hamburgers, hot dogs, and beer for those who didn't want to bring their food. The live band could be heard playing polkas and other familiar music throughout the neighborhood. There even was a dunk tank which was popular for many years.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE LAST PAGE OF THE BULLETIN FOR SOME INTERESTING ST. LEO PARISH HISTORY!



#### WEDDING BANNS

I, JILL KRAMER & NATHANIEL FRANCES

#### THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

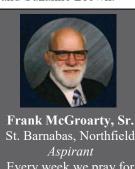
The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven is a *holy day of obligation*. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

#### Rosary

Please join us in honoring Mary by praying the rosary in the Marian shrine at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17th. Please bring a lawn chair as limited seating is available. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be said in church. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own or know how to say the rosary? Please, join us anyway!

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, Amelia Rebello, Irma Zappitelli, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Gary Skelley, Virgina Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Anna Mendoza, Marianne Kucinski-Powers, Edith Lysyj, John Geiger, Rosie Colucci, Buzzy Miano, Judy Bruzshinsky, Carol Broze, Stan Wasacz, Doug Kiesel, Marcia Bailey, Jim Tisch, MaryLou Durfee, Chris Grdosic, Kathy Svoboda, Matt Pauloski, Kelley, Tootie, Megan Arena, Lena Sunyak, Chuck Pacanovsky, Theresa Truxall, Susan Fenski, Antoinette Jakosh, Rose Arlia, Liz Woisnet, Betty Popow, R.Rosario, Margarita Quinones, Allen Phillips, Ruth Bublavy, John O'Malley, Tina Sunday, Karen Horvath, Jesse Kazimer, William Wollard, Wollard, Carol Rucinski, Joe Deranek, Ben Wheelock, Janice Smith, Lesley Uffman, Dorothy Pazdernik, Sandie Stefanchik, Jordan Sierra Lionberger, Dottie Barr, Joe Barr, Brett Stewart, Allison Dusenbury, Mary Ann Perry, Mary Ann Corlett, Nancy Dighero, Shawn Calvey, Gloria Madonia, Sharon Rock, Anthony Bozek, Joe Brodzinski and Suzanne Brown.



St. Barnabas, Northfield

Aspirant

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

# In Loving Memory of Richard W. Ferraro

Born: January 24, 1938

Entered Into Rest: August 3, 2023 Services: Monday, August 7, 2023 St. Leo the Great Church Cleveland, Ohio

Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery Section 40 Lot 7140 Grave 2

THE MEMORARE
Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy
intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I fly
unto Thee, O Virgin of Virgins,
my Mother; to Thee I come; before
Thee I stand sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not our petitions, but in thy
mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

R I P E P I FUNERAL HOME Pearl Road at Snow Road

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, August 14th—St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr 8:30am Anthony Bozek (Joyce Stevens)

Tuesday, August 15th—Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

A holy day of obligation

8:30am +Zappitelli & +Mucciarone Families (John & Irma)

7:00pm Celebrant's Choice

Wednesday, August 16th—Weekday

8:30am +Larry Bronecki (Brian & Cindy Nowak)

Friday, August 18th—Weekday

8:30am +Peter Rindfleisch (Rosanne Cifani)

Saturday, August 19th—Weekday

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, August 20th— The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am +Jack Pauloski (Grace & Sons)

11:00am +Edward Stupic (Sara Stupic)

Note: There are still some spaces for weekday Mass Intention available for 2023. Stop by the Rectory Office to schedule.



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:11-13

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). As you listen to today's passage, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake and fire were traditional Old Testament expressions of God's presence.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

In chapters 9 to 11 of Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses the painful question of why the majority of Jewish people failed to accept Christ. These were Paul's own people and he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

SUNDAY 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/ Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**Monday** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

**THURSDAY** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

FRIDAY Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-

**SATURDAY** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15



### A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir

#### **PRACTICING CATHOLIC**

"God and the Good Strong Wind" By: Colleen Dorman

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt. It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

Deep inside, aren't we all, really? I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do. And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

"Being Human is to Doubt" By: Tracy Earl Welliver

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others. Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need — our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

# "Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..." Matthew 14:31



#### THE ASSUMPTION —AUGUST 15TH

**Question:** What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer: Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people." It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners.

I was saddened to hear of the unexpected death of Richard Ferraro, whose funeral I celebrated last Monday. I remember saying hello to him and shaking his hand...a weekly routine... when he was at Mass the previous weekend. He was married to Shirley for 57 years, and she too passed away suddenly in January of last year (2022). Both of them were faithful to each other, to God, and to their family of 3 daughters and several grandchildren. His family will remember their Sunday family dinners with him, which he always enjoyed, along with walks in the park. He served in the Army for 4 years and so we are grateful for his service to our country. Both Rich and Shirley were gentle people who always smiled with kindness in their hearts and they will be missed. Please keep them both in your prayers as well as their grieving family.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our parish picnic this Sunday which will take place in the shrine area (weather-permitting) or in our gym (Lux Hall) in case of inclement weather. Remember our large and juicy hamburgers & hot dogs are on us, so feel free to bring something to share, but this is not required. We just want you to enjoy spending time with your fellow parishioners. It will begin at Noon (or after the 11am Mass) & end at 2pm. Please join us.

Speaking of the gym, we are having a handicap accessible ramp built into the steps where you enter Lux Hall from outside, as it was cumbersome to take a long trip through the side entrance of the school, through the cafeteria & the 2 hallways of the school building in order to get access to the gym, so we hope you will find this helpful. A little wall will be built in as well in order to sit down there. New sidewalks will be installed and the crumbled curbs will be replaced as well.

I haven't forgotten about the planned trip to Italy, but I believe it will be better to wait until 2025 to make our presence known again there as it will give many more people time to save up for the trip. But 2025 is also a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church so that would be a great time to visit Italy again. Normally they are held every 25 years but Pope Francis had one celebrated 10 years ago in 2015 in order to celebrate God's mercy. A Jubilee Year is a special time of grace when the Church offers a plenary indulgence or the remission of sins for oneself or for a deceased relative. The importance of a Jubilee Year is also recognized and respected by other faiths throughout the world. It begins just before Christmas and lasts just a little over a year as it ends on Epiphany the following year. It is celebrated by opening a holy door on each of the 4 major basilicas in Rome. So I would like anyone who is interested to meet with me on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 11am Mass in the Parish Center. We'll just spend a few minutes reviewing 2 possible itineraries given to me by the two travel agencies I've used most recently, Trinity Tours (Holy Land Pilgrimage in 2022) & NAWAS International (Italy Tour in 2023). No commitment is being asked...this is just for those who may be interested in more information. Planning ahead will be necessary due to the increased demand to be in Italy during the Jubilee Year and it would behoove us (I love using that word) to plan early so they can book the best hotels, etc. Again, I am looking at going to the city of Rome but also take a look at some places south of Rome as well. But it's really all up to you and I am open to suggestions, so please mark the date & join me on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon. In. 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 on 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.

Feel free to join us—no reservations needed! **Upcoming Meetings:**September 6th, October 4th & November 1st

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



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 44109)
- 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.

#### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Women's Renewal back in July was such a wonderful time, so, let's get together again! This invitation goes out to all the ladies of the parish, whether you've been a part of renewal programs in the past or are looking to be involved in new programs to come! Join us for breakfast at Big Boy at 7800 Granger Rd. on August 22nd @ 9:30a.m. We look so forward to catching up with you all to delight in the Truth, share thoughts & inspire ideas that will strengthen our faith and encourage one another to reach out and connect over Christ. Contact Eva at 216-440-2498 to RSVP!

#### **UPCOMING BUS TRIPS**

\*Check the bulletin boards at the church entrance for more detail



For reservations or questions contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123



#### AMISH COUNTRY

Annual Fall Shopping Monday, September 11, 2023 Lunch at Berlin Farmstead (included) \$80 per person

Deadline: Monday, August 21st!!!



#### <u>SENECA NIAGARA</u> (overnight stay)

Thursday, October 12th, 2023 Casino Bonus \$35 slot play \$15 food credit



#### SENECA ALLEGANY

Friday, October 13th, 2023 Casino Bonus \$25 slot play

Deadline: Friday, September 1st!!!

Cost: \$287.00 per person-single occupancy \$196.00 per person-double occupancy \$188.00 per person-triple occupancy



#### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 13, 2023 Cost: \$80.00 per person

Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant (included)

Deadline: Monday, October 23rd!!!

#### **CURRENT GIFT CARD DEALS**



Buy 1 \$25 IHOP Gift Card Get 1 \$10 Papa John's Gift Card FREE



Stop by the Rectory Office and ask us about our deals!



THE GREAT SWEEPSTAKES August 7, 2023

Congratulations,
Joe Deranek!

# PARISHAL SUPPORT

#### Sunday, August 6, 2023

Sun. Envelope	\$ 7,951.00
WeShare	\$ 2,230.00
Total	\$ 10,181.00
Cap. Improv	\$ 1,053.00
WeShare	\$ 310.00
Total	\$ 1,363.00
SVDP	\$ 209.50
WeShare	\$ 120.00
Total	\$ 329.50

July Totals		
Peter's Pence \$257.00		

Thank you for you continued generosity and support of St. Leo the Great Parish!

#### PRO LIFE MEETING

The Pro-life group will be meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. This month we will be looking at topic of human trafficking and the issues around the LGQBT gender controversy.

#### ALL ARE WELCOME! Please consider attending!

If you have any questions about the group, the meeting or its content, please contact either Dennis Badar at 216-398-2830 or Chris Rath at 216-394-5803.

Because our country remains under constant attack from evil, we ask all to continue praying to St. Michael the Archangel, as often as you can. He can help us defeat the enemy.



St. Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke them, we humbly pray, and cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

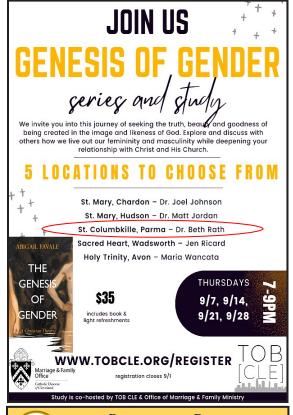
### CHOIR KICK-OFF PICNIC



one else interested in joining choir!



To confirm your attendance and to sign up for a dish to share, please call Pat at 330.933.4992 or email: jgpadolezal@yahoo.com



#### Parishioner Photos

JUST SMILE AND SAY CHEESE! Did you miss the opportunity the first weekend? In conjunction with the 75th

anniversary of the parish, a photographer will be available in the vestibule after each of the Masses the weekend September 9th & 10th. This is an opportunity for you and your family to be part of the memories for this year and future years. No advance registration required. Refreshments will be available, and participants will get a free 5" x 7" photo.

### Picking the Right Spot

The establishment of St. Leo Parish was announced in the Catholic Universe Bulletin on Oct. 8, 1948. Fr. Sylvester Lux had been appointed pastor nine days earlier on September 30. The article names the parish and its original location on the east side of Broadview Road near Alvin Ave.

But, as we all know, that's not where we are located. Here's what happened.

The diocese bought the original 11 lots designated for St. Leo's on Oct. 8, 1948. Fr. Lux, on visiting the site, thought it was too small and suggested to Bishop Edward Hoban that land on the west side of Broadview closer to Brookpark would be a much better site.

The bishop had considered this land, but the woman who owned it wanted \$50,000. The bishop told Fr. Lux he would buy it if he could get it for \$25,000. Fr. Lux got an attorney friend in Akron to intercede with the woman without telling her the buyer's name and he got her to sell it for \$25,000. If the property had not been purchased for St. Leo's it would have become 150 garden-type apartments plus a trailer park.

It's conjecture whether Fr. Lux knew about the proposed path of I-480 when he recommended the property for the new parish. But a map of the I-480 route did appear in the Cleveland Plain Dealer in June 1950, so someone had this freeway on the drawing board. It's still anybody's guess whether Fr. Lux was speculating.

—John Sabol



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