

**Please be sure to join us at St. Joseph's Church, Sunday, 10/21 at 7 PM, for an incredible and heartwarming story of faith in the face of adversity!**



Scott Fedor, Strongsville native and former St. Joseph & John's student, was an accomplished businessman who once thought he had his life all planned out. In July 2009, his world was literally shattered in a diving accident when he broke his neck at the C3 level and suffered a complete spinal cord injury, and ultimately drowned. The near-death experience which induced full respiratory and cardiac arrest, rendered him a quadriplegic leaving him paralyzed from the neck down with no movement or sensation.

At the time of the accident, Scott was 33 years old, married and a vice president for a Berkshire Hathaway company. However, he was now faced with a challenge far greater than anything he had ever confronted in a board room. Having undergone more than six surgeries and survived four subsequent "codes" and resuscitations, Scott was determined to turn his disaster into something positive from which he and others could benefit. He has worked effortlessly to not only rebuild himself, but to also build a better future for all of those living with a spinal cord injury.

Today, Scott has made it his charge to help bring more awareness to the devastating effects of spinal cord injuries and also serve as a resource to those confronting such an injury. He routinely can be found on Cleveland MetroHealth Hospital's spinal cord injury wing, providing hope and support to patients and their families. He established a nonprofit organization, *Getting Back Up*, which seeks to raise awareness, support and education for spinal cord injuries, as well as provide injured individuals with adaptable products and participation in exercise-based recovery programs. Scott also serves as a Board Member for, LEAP, a Cleveland-based nonprofit organization which assists individuals living with disabilities.

Throughout his remarkable journey he has continued to draw strength from his Catholic faith and family. He firmly believes in the strength of prayer, and attributes his incredible triumphs to his faith in God and the power of a positive attitude. As a result of a catastrophic injury, Scott Fedor has found himself in the unique position to be able to use his experience and perspective to assist other individuals facing adversity in their lives.

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