

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

The public gathered at St. Willebrord Catholic Church in Green Bay, WI, to celebrate National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, January 11, as designated by our presidents for the past few years. It is an integral part of January Human Trafficking Awareness Month.



L-r. United We Stand Committee who sponsored this presentation with the Holy Cross Sisters. Cassandra Erickson; Sister Kathy Lange, SCSC; Sister Celine Goessl, SCSC; Sandra Bagley; H, director of United We Stand; and Antonia Nelson.



L-r. Sister Celine, Brian Russo and Detective Craig Pakkala

Participants heard presentations from Sister Celine Goessl, SCSC, on human trafficking, a heinous crime second only to drug trafficking and the misuse of guns. Detective Craig Pakkala from the Green Bay Police Force explained the efforts of law enforcement in Green Bay. Brian Russo spent his portion of the agenda talking about **The Rose Home**, a rehabilitation safe house for survivors from Brown County.

Individuals wore blue clothing to show their solidarity with the survivors and the work being done to stop this crime. Each participant also received a prayer calendar with daily petitions to pray for through February 8, the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, a slave of human trafficking.



There was a question and answer session followed by candles being lit and prayers for an end to human sex trafficking.