

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

January 2, 2022



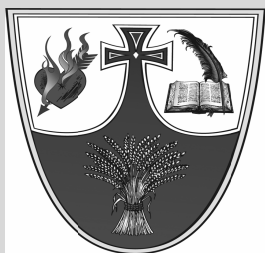
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## *The Epiphany*

OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2



Established 1845

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

STAFF

Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB,

Weekend Associate

Debbie Wehler, Sue DiVaccaro,

Secretaries

Lou Varos, Finance Council Chairperson

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those advanced in age, sick, or undergoing surgery. Administered upon request. Contact the Rectory.

PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

COMMUNION CALLS: Please call the Rectory to schedule.

MATRIMONY: At least one member must be a parishioner and be active for at least six months prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until discussed with the priest of the parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Call the Rectory to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory for more information.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. — Isaiah 60:1

Saturday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

4:30 p.m. deceased Veterans of St. Teresa Parish by Mike Gall

Sunday, January 2 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. +Harry & Renee Decker by Bruce & Sue

11:00 a.m. +Dorothy Tomshe by Ella Riegel

Monday, January 3 Holy Name of Jesus

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 a.m. +Pat Chozinske by Steve

Thursday, January 6 St. Andrew Bessette, Religious

NO MASS

Friday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:30 a.m. living/deceased of St. Teresa Parish

Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. +Gloria Urig by Karen Swierz

Sunday, January 9 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. living/deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society

11:00 a.m. +Bonnie Roth by Bill



Weekly Goal In Next Bulletin

\$4,000.00

Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind when making out your will. We thank our parishioners for their continued, generous support of the Parish!



Masses

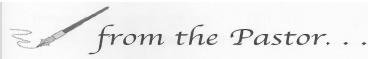
Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

CONTACT US

Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227 Office Hours.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Fax.....(440) 934-4500 E-mails .....debbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



A parishioner at my first parish once related this story to me...

I was telling my new workplace friend about how awful my former boss had been, when she laughed and said, "So forget him. Why not just enjoy it here?" Then she went on to tell me a little story about herself:

I'm reminded of the time I moved a few years ago. I was making enough money to have a professional mover pack for me, and when he asked what I wanted him to pack, I just waved my arm and said, "Everything!"

So, when I got to my new place, I saw that he had taken me literally. Along with my furniture he had packed up all my trash bins; there I was in my beautiful new place with all my old garbage...including old newspapers, empty ketchup bottles, and grapefruit peels!

I will never forget that conversation...in fact, I tell it often...because I think it packs a big meaning. As we enter a new year, we must not make the mistake of dragging the worst of the old year along with us. If we should learn anything from the Gospel, it's that God is totally dedicated to offering us new life and redemption from our past mistakes. That's why Jesus suffered so horribly for us. He died so that our sins might be forgiven, and that our relationship with God might be restored. Therefore, as you bravely enter the year 2022, don't allow it to become like all the others. If there are changes that need to be made, then make them. If there are relationships to repair, repair them. Above all, do not enter into this New Year full of fear, because we are most especially a people of hope. As the great writer C.S. Lewis once said, "Hope is the essential Christian virtue." Therefore, my hope and prayer for all of you is that 2022 will be a year full of blessing and grace for all of you.

**Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor**

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days for the New Year's Holiday  
December 31 & January 3, 2022

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

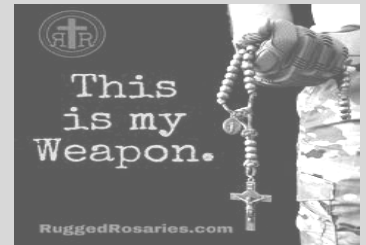
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; k 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mass	Wed, Jan 5	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Jan 5	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Jan 6	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room
Mass	Fri, Jan 7	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confession	Sat, Jan 8	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

**TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...**

Eleanor Rieth, Fran Rottman  
 Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester  
 Marianne Rieth, Chris Ughrin  
 Jarmila Kos, JoAnne Wisnieski  
 Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph  
 Patricia Welsh, Larry Sheets  
 Marty Lima, William Wisnieski  
 Vickie Aring, Michael Wisnieski  
 Patrick O'Toole, Judy Williamson  
 Gina Ackerman; Lloyd Canterbury



**FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

Charles Godles, Christopher Barnhart, Jason Bender, Thomas Daley, Major Richard Robinson, Tom Fisher, Anthony Burns, Michael Naughton, Allen Fish, 2nd Lt. Louis Rios, Justin Callison, Quinn Rambo, Capt. Shelby Stratton, Grant Bartlett, Sgt. Tyler Corwin, John McGlynn, Cpl. Andrew Edwards, 1st Sgt. Derek Lisowski, Darrin Kirchner SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki, Ken D. Dustin Moorman  
 To add names call 934-4227.

**HOSPITAL CALLS**

Please request the services of the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital for a patient. Notify the parish office so that the sick will be remembered in our prayers and Masses.



**ST. TERESA OF AVILA**  
Pray for Us!

**"Love is never idle, and a failure to grow would be a very bad sign."** St. Teresa of Avila



Remember  
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



*"It is up to us...to tell our people where our Risen Savior is. The Blessed Sacrament is Our Risen Savior with all of the power of His love and mercy flowing out to those who come into His presence! This is where we must run, like Peter and John. This is where we must bring everyone. For each Holy Hour will advance the day when the light of His love and mercy will shine out, and then like Him, His people will be resurrected."* From the book Letters to a Brother Priest

EWTN "Venerable Jerome Lejeune: To the Least of These My Brothers and Sisters" January 21 at 4:30 p.m. A documentary on the French pediatrician and geneticist known for opposing prenatal diagnosis and abortion. Colleagues, family and religious leaders recall this Servant of God, declared Venerable by Pope Francis.

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY

The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection For all who have lost loved ones, and especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted or stillborn, that they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.

For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at [PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org)

Come pray from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.**

"..seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33).

Call the church office if you are interested (440-934-4227).

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE SICK

Call the church office if a family member is sick or hospitalized. Their name can be put in the bulletin for prayers. Not all hospitals in the area notify churches that a parishioner has been admitted.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - JANUARY

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

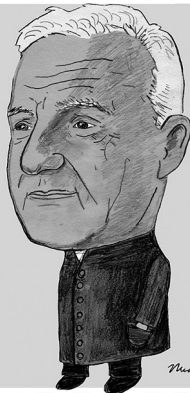
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My only ambition is to serve God in the most humble tasks.

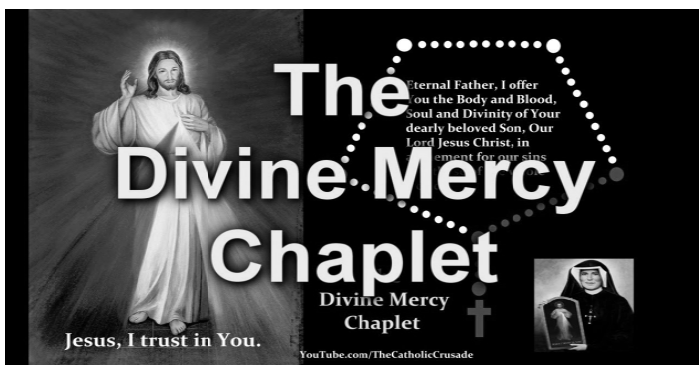
St. André Bessette

20th-century Canadian lay brother and porter. He miraculously healed thousands through the intercession of St. Joseph.

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January 6



JESUS' DIVINE MERCY

To St. Faustina: "True, My child, all that is painful. But there is no way to heaven except the way of the cross. I followed it first. You must learn that it is the shortest and surest way. It is because you are not of this world that the world hates you. First it persecuted Me. Persecution is a sign that you are following in My footsteps faithfully." (Diary, 1487). \*The words of Jesus appear in boldface

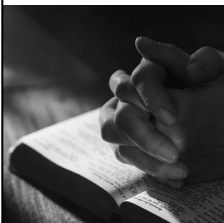
# PARISH NEWS

Visit Our Website! [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com)  
 Read the *Bulletin* and find current events in "Announcements" (top of home page) or scroll to the bottom.  
 Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is welcome!

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.  
the St. John Room  
January 6 & 20



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION at St. Teresa Parish

Call the Parish Office if you have a child in Second grade. Classes will begin in March 2022.



### THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Mass  
Sunday, January 9, 2022  
Rosary at 8:00 a.m.  
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

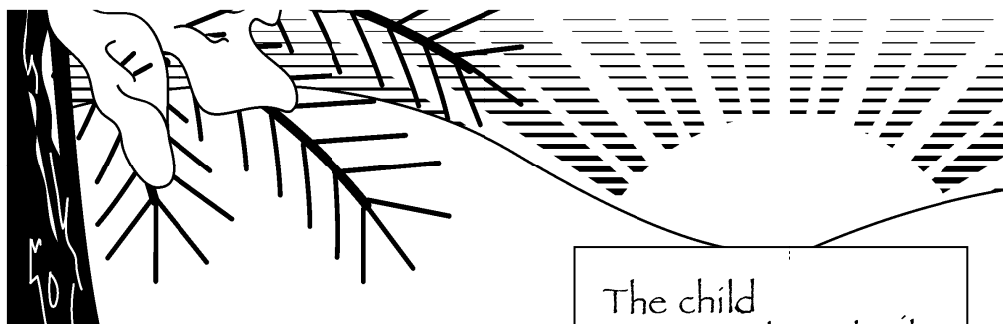
The Altar & Rosary Society would be happy to pray the Rosary at the funeral home for the deceased of our Parish. The Family is invited to call the Parish Office at 440-934-4227 and ask for this gift of the heart!



### "Helping Hands" for Parishioners

This is a fund set up by the Social Concerns Committee that may provide help with groceries, medicine, and utility bills for those parishioners in need during this difficult time, "Helping Hands Fund"

Please contact the parish office at 934-4227  
Monday through Friday  
between 9a.m. – 3p.m.  
All information is kept confidential.

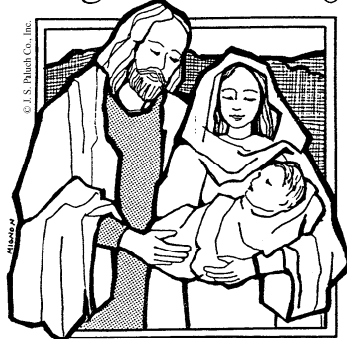


### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN

We are there! "Our babies" were saved throughout this year through our prayers to the Holy Family and our trust in the power and goodness of God our Father!

At Christmas we end this year's Spiritual Adoption and welcome *new life* in the babies that were born and *new life* in the hearts of us all through the Birth of Jesus Christ our Savior!

The child grew to maturity



and was filled with wisdom

### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

#### Thank you for your donations to Birthright of Lorain County

So much generosity was shown during the "Gifts for Baby Jesus" collection! We thank you and will update you on what was donated after all items are delivered.

#### Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be January 1 & 2, 2022

**Suggested food donations:** boxed stuffing, spaghetti, taco kits, boxed mashed potatoes, pancake syrup, peanut butter/jelly, Ramen noodle soup, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, coffee, hominy beans, Hispanic foods, bottled water, and cooking oil. **Please - NO non-food donations.**

We only accept donations of *unused & unopened non-perishable food items.*



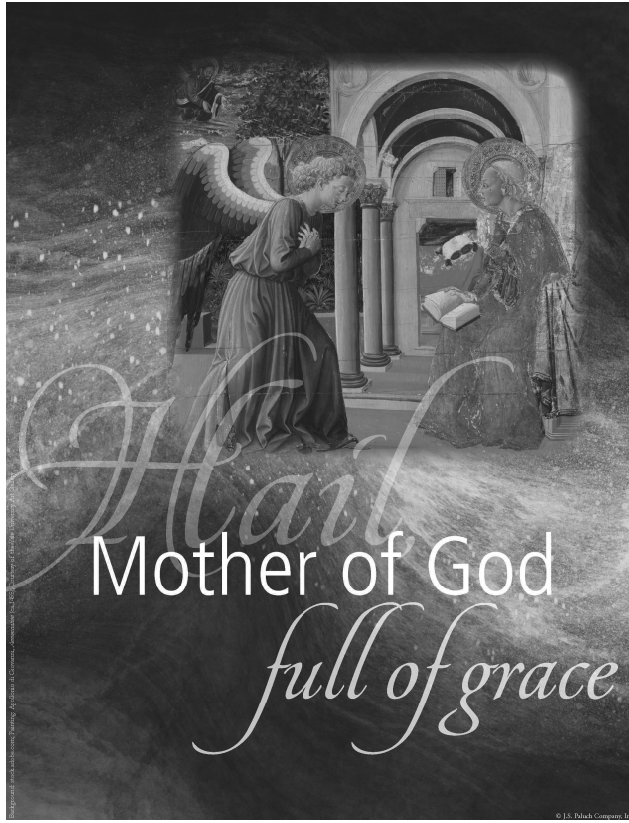
Feed the Hungry

**MASS ON TV, ONLINE AND RADIO**

**The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is now on** Sundays at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. Viewers are invited to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a more convenient time, and, is an over-the-air station, that is, accessible even to those without cable TV.

Also watch the Mass at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass) OR at: <http://www.catholicstv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, and [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org).

**Listen to Mass** on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.



**PLEASE HELP US KEEP "UP TO DATE"**

**If you've recently had a child**, and the baptism took place at another parish, please let us know so we can update our records.

**If you are a young adult**, supporting yourself, living on your own or with your parents, you should be independently registered in our parish.

**If your son/daughter got married**, at another parish but was baptized at St. Teresa, please let us know so we can make the notation in our records.

**If you have changed your address, email or phone number**, please let us know so we can update our records.

**Contact us by calling 440-934-4227 or email at [st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com).**

**WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?**

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

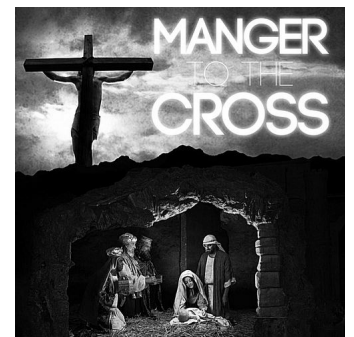
However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.

Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Jan 1</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Tom Pienoski (Wehler**) Ann Glime	<b>Sun, Jan 2</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bill Bistak **	<b>Sun, Jan 2</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright
<b>Sat Jan 8</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti John Katricak ** (choir)	<b>Sun, Jan 9</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail	<b>Sun, Jan 9</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Carol Kirchner

## Lectors

<b>Sat Jan 1</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Larry Durica	<b>Sun, Jan 2</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Jan 2</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Gene Welsh
<b>Sat, Jan 8</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Phil Gigliotti	<b>Sun, Jan 9</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Frank Lanza	<b>Sun, Jan 9</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Parkey

## Servers

<b>Sat, Jan 1</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Fitzwater	<b>Sat, Jan 8</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Brock
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## Around the Town

### INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE? TRY RCIA

Follow your heart and join us at St. Vincent de Paul Church on the journey of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian community, or were baptized Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, this journey is for you. The journey involves learning about the teachings and traditions of the Church. If interested, please call or email Jackie at 440-242-0195 or [jackiesvdp@gamil.com](mailto:jackiesvdp@gamil.com).

### MATTHEW 25:36 "FOR...I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME."

The Eucharistic Ministry team of University Hospital in Elyria is looking for volunteers. Consider helping 60-90 minutes, once-a-week or every-other-week, and bring Holy Communion and prayerful support to Catholic patients. You can choose to help either on a weekday or weekend morning. Volunteers must be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister, be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (although we do not visit any Covid patient rooms) and also have proof of this year's flu shot. Hospital orientation and training provided. Interested in learning more? Contact Mary Anne Cunningham at (440) 759-7459 or [maryanne116@msn.com](mailto:maryanne116@msn.com).

### ST AUGUSTINE HEALTH MINISTRIES - HOLY FAMILY HOSPICE AND HOME CARE - FREE GRIEF AND HEALING SUPPORT GROUP (Virtual)

Members will meet others who have suffered a loss, explore their individual grief process & gain knowledge & insight of useful grief coping skills to help them begin to heal. These sessions will take place **Tuesday Afternoons January 11 – February 15 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm via Zoom**. Contact Erin Hout: (440) 545.7032 or [ehout@holyfamilyhome.com](mailto:ehout@holyfamilyhome.com) by Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 to register."

### "HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND YOU"

Human Trafficking is in the movies and in the news, but it also happens right here in our local communities. It is among the top three international crimes along with drug and weapons trafficking. What can you do to stop it, and to help those who have been affected by it? January has Presidential recognition as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn what it is, how to identify it, and how to address it in an introductory presentation on **January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3269 in Fr. Ragan Hall at 1783 Moore Rd. Avon, OH 44011**. Speaker Joan Clark is the Chair of West Shore Allies Against Human Trafficking based at Rocky River Unitarian Universalist Church, a speaker for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, and a Board Member of the Renee Jones Empowerment Center in Cleveland. *Please RSVP by January 14<sup>th</sup> with your name(s), the number attending, your phone number and email address to either (440) 930-0251, [fatherragan@gmail.com](mailto:fatherragan@gmail.com) or mail to Human Trafficking Meeting at the above address. The seminar is free and all are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be provided.*



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