

THE ST. TERESA BELL TOWER NEWSLETTER

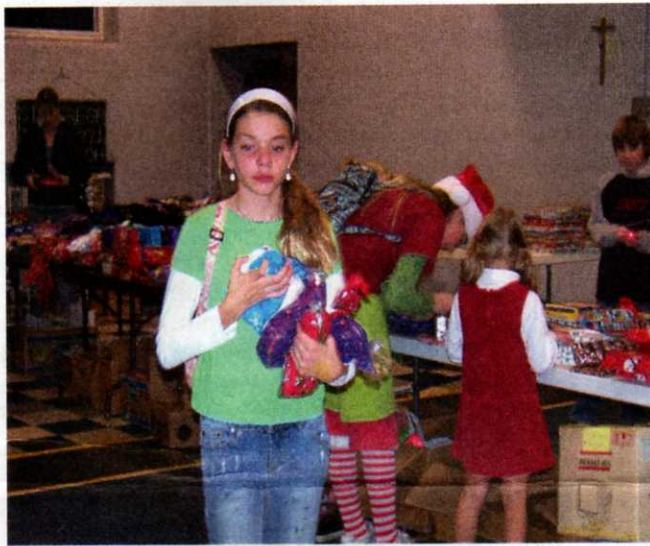
Years ago St. Teresa Parish had a newsletter, titled "The Bell Tower". This is most appropriate, since the Church Tower Bells remind everyone in the area to pray and focus on God. This newsletter enables parish members to be aware of parish activities, deepen one's faith and grow together as God's people. In 2009 we celebrated our 93rd year as St. Teresa of Avila Parish. May God Bless Us & Future Generations! December, 2009



The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics to attend mass. Our masses at St. Teresa Church on the Holy Day:

Monday, Dec. 7	4:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 8	7:00 am
	8:30 am
	12:00 noon
	7:00 pm

P.S. Don't forget the Feast of St. Nicholas is December 6th. St. Nick is the patron saint of children, so the tradition is that children receive nuts, candy & small gifts on this special day.



Another Lucky Winner at Winter Wonderland

St. Teresa Winter Wonderland for children and families is Friday, Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 9:30pm in the Undercroft. The \$ 5.00 admission includes food, visit with Santa, games, etc. Registration forms are in the school & parish office. Donations for Basket Raffle or children's prizes can be sent to school or the parish office. Want to Volunteer? Adult, 8th grade and high school students are needed to help with set up, during Winter Wonderland and cleanup. Call Shannon Darnell @ 244-6626 or ptg0910@yahoo.com.

If you are traveling over the Christmas Holidays and need to locate a Church for Mass, visit www.masstimes.org or call Maria at the parish office (921-9200).



St. Teresa Church at Christmas

Christmas Eve Masses on Dec. 24th
4:00 pm Special children's mass with Chimes
6:00 pm Contemporary H.S./College Music Group
 Christmas Midnight Mass on Dec. 25th
12:00 am Adult Choir
 Christmas Day Masses on Dec. 25th
7:00 am Limited music
9:30 am Adult Choir
11:30 am Contemporary Music Group
 (Christmas prelude music will be 30 minutes prior to mass)

Advent is a Penitential Season, so plan to attend Confession before Christmas. Our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:00pm with 8 priests for Confession: Fr. Tom Bolte, Fr. Jerry Niklas, Fr. George Schmitz, Fr. Dennis Dettenwanger, Fr. Jim Schappelle, Fr. Frank Lammeier, Fr. Alex Okoro and Fr. Don Rettig.

Regular Confession Times are Thurs. 12:30 to 1:30pm & 6:45 to 7:45pm and Sat. 9 to 9:30am & 2:45 to 3:45pm. For another time, call the parish office @ 921-9200.

Congratulations to our students, who are making their 1st Confession on Saturday, Dec. 5th.



The Giving Tree

The St. Teresa Advent Giving Trees are in Church to help St. Michael Center Families, Lower Price Hill. Take as many ornaments as possible. If you want to help, but cannot shop, buy a gift card from the parish shopper program or attach a cash gift to the ornament and bring to the Parish Office by Dec. 8. We will purchase the gift for you. All gifts need to be returned to Church on Dec. 12/13 (but not

after 7:30pm mass). Ornaments are coded, so attach them to the gift. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT, as it makes sorting difficult & parents like to wrap gifts for their children. Gifts should be **New** and in original packaging, plus add gift boxes if needed.

Students needing service hours can help sort & pack boxes and adults/college age adults are needed to deliver gifts, Monday morning, Dec. 14. Call Aimee Hart @ 251-6376 with questions or to help sort, pack or deliver gifts.

