

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 2008 we celebrated our 92nd year as St. Teresa of Avila Parish. May God Bless Us & Future Generations! January, 2009



St. Teresa travelers to the Philippines

From Jan. 19 to the 29th St. Teresa parishioners will join the Archdiocese Mission Trip to the Philippines & establish a Covenant Relationship with St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Cebu City, on the island of Cebu. **Denise Murphy**, Pastoral Council Member; **Bill Thoman**, Director of Parish Facilities; **Mary Lou Garner**, 3rd grade St. Teresa School Teacher, and **Carl & Joanne Plocica**, Eucharistic Ministers and long-time parishioners will represent our parish. Cardinal Ricardo Vidal, Archbishop of Cebu sent us a warm letter, saying he has spoken with Msgr. Jose Tajanlangit, pastor, and the parish looks forward to our visit. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our parishes to pray for each other, share visits & gifts and during this 2000th Anniversary of St. Paul live the Gospel message of love and faith across the world. Plan to attend The Sending Forth Mass at 11:30am, Sunday, January 18 with special music and food of the Philippine heritage.



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics to attend mass. Our masses for the Holy Day:

Monday, Dec. 31	4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 1	7:00 am
	8:30 am
	12:00 noon

January 1 is also designated by Pope Benedict XVI as a Day of Prayer for World Peace.



St. Teresa Church at Christmas

Thank you to the maintenance staff, church cleaners, decorators, and all who helped prepare Church for the celebration of Jesus' Birthday, 2008. The Adult Choir, Contemporary Music Group, children at 4:00pm, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers, extra musicians and all who volunteered at the masses made the Solemnity of our Savior's Birth the highpoint of everyone's Christmas Season. Also, Thank You to all, who donated to the Christmas Flowers in remembrance of loved ones.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is sponsoring **A World Day of Peace Mass** on January 1 at 11:00am in St. Peter in Chains Cathedral with Archbishop Pilarczyk. Each parish is asked to send a representative, so Laura & Samuel Prince will represent St. Teresa Parish. Following the mass "a peace pledge" will be brought back to our parish. The mass is open to all and a reception will follow in the Cathedral Undercroft.



The Parish Volunteer Appreciation Celebration will be in the Church Undercroft on Saturday, January 10 at 5pm. The Parish Staff hosts the event to thank adults, who volunteered in 2008 to make St. Teresa so GREAT! Come for the delicious meal, entertainment and fellowship. All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Adult Servers, Collection Counters, Office Mailing Helpers, Church Cleaners & Decorators, Festival & Bingo Workers, School Volunteers, P.S.R. & Vacation Bible School Teachers, The Choir & Contemporary Musicians, ALPHA leaders, Wedding & Bereavement Facilitators, Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound, Coaches, Bible Study & Prayer Group Leaders, Scout & Youth Group Leaders, Members of Pastoral Council & Commissions, Caring Companions, St. Vincent de Paul, and others are encouraged to attend the

