

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! January, 2010



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

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

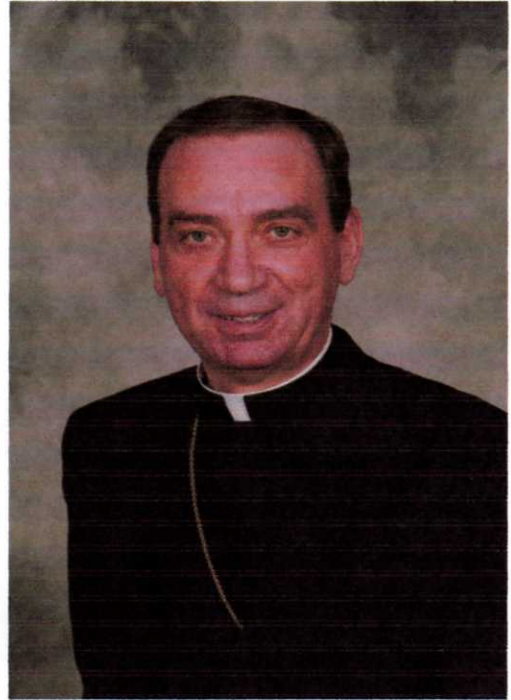
January 1 is also designated by Pope Benedict XVI as a Day of Prayer for World Peace. All are invited to join Archbishop Schnurr at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral for Mass at 11:00 am on Jan. 1st on New Year's Day. A reception with light refreshments will follow the mass.



St. Teresa Church at Christmas

Thank you to the maintenance staff, church cleaners, decorators & all who prepared Church for the celebration of Jesus' Birthday, 2009. The Adult Choir, Contemporary Music Group, Children at 4:00pm, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers, and the Extra Musicians 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.

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



Welcome Archbishop Schnurr

On Saturday, Jan. 9 Archbishop Schnurr will be the celebrant at the 8:30am mass. Following the mass, the Group "Helper's of God's Precious Infants", will lead a Rosary Prayer March to the Planned Parenthood Office on Ferguson Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend the mass and those, who wish can join in the rosary prayer march. The Rosary will also be prayed in Church after the mass.

The 12 Days of Christmas Song

An explanation of what the symbols mean, as used to teach the Catholic faith in England. From Sue Kreutzer

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree:** My true love in the song is God & the Partridge in the pear tree is Jesus. The tree Represents the Cross on which Jesus died for us.
- Two Turtle Doves:** Old and New Testaments.
- Three French Hens:** The 3 virtues - Faith, Hope and Love
- Four Calling Birds:** Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- Five Gold Rings:** The 1st five books of the Old Testament - Genesis, Numbers, Exodus, Deuteronomy & Leviticus
- Six Geese-a-Laying:** The 6 days of creation
- Seven Swans-a-Swimming:** The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Awe/Fear of the Lord.
- Eight Maids-a-Milking:** The 8 Beatitudes
- Nine Ladies Dancing:** The 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control
- Ten Lords-a-Leaping:** The 10 Commandments.
- Eleven Pipers Piping:** The 11 Faithful Apostles - Andrew, John, Jude, Simon, James the Greater, James the Less, Phillip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew & Peter

