

# 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 2012, we celebrate our 96<sup>th</sup> year as St. Teresa of Avila Parish. May God Bless Us and Future Generations!

January, 2012

## The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Jan. 1 is a Holy Day of the Church. Since it is on a Sunday, the regular Sunday mass times are in effect. January 1 is also designated by Pope Benedict XVI as a Day of Prayer for World Peace. His theme for the world is "Peace through Educating Young People in Justice and Peace". All are invited to join Archbishop Schnurr at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral @ 11:00 am Mass on Jan. 1 New Year's Day to pray for Peace.



## St. Teresa 2011 – 12 R.C.I.A. Program

Each year the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program enables adults interested in becoming Catholic or adult Catholics, who haven't received Confirmation, an opportunity to discern to receive Baptism and Confirmation. This year we have **Angela Deffenbaugh**, **Tammy Partin**, and **Amy Wright**. Please keep them in prayer during these months leading to the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Adults interested in receiving Baptism and/or Confirmation can call Deacon Gregg at the parish office.

## The 12 Days of Christmas Song

An explanation of what the symbols mean, as used to teach the Catholic faith in England. From Sue Kreuzer  
**A Partridge in a Pear Tree:** My true love in the song is Jesus. The Partridge in the pear tree is Jesus. The tree Represents the Cross on which Jesus died for us.

**Two Turtle Doves:** The Old and New Testaments.

**Three French Hens:** The 3 virtues - Faith, Hope and Love

**Four Calling Birds:** The 4 Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**Five Gold Rings:** The 1<sup>st</sup> five books of the Old Testament - Genesis, Numbers, Exodus, Deuteronomy & Leviticus

**Six Geese-a-Laying:** The 6 days of creation - Sunday through Friday, God rested on Saturday

**Seven Swans-a-Swimming:** The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Awe/Respect of the Lord.

**Eight Maids-a-Milking:** The 8 Beatitudes found in the Gospel of Matthew – Chapter 5, versus 3 - 12

**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

**Twelve Drummers Drumming:** The 12 Points of Apostle's Creed - God the Father, Jesus the Son, Incarnation, Jesus' Passion, Resurrection, Ascension into Heaven, Judgment, Holy Spirit, Catholic Church, Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body & Life Everlasting.



## St. Teresa Church at Christmas

**Thank you** to the maintenance staff, church cleaners, decorators and everyone; who prepared Church for the celebration of Jesus' Birthday on December 25, 2011. The Adult Choir, Contemporary Music Group, Children at 4:00pm, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers, and Extra Musicians made the Solemnity of our Savior's Birth the highpoint of everyone's Christmas Season. Also, Thank You to everyone, who donated to the Christmas Flowers in remembrance of loved ones.

**If you are traveling** during the holidays or on vacation during the winter months and need to locate a Church for Mass, visit website [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or call Maria at the parish office @ 921-9200.



**We welcome those recently registered**

If someone listed below lives close to you, please visit and welcome them to our great St. Teresa Parish.

**Allen & Jaime Genoe, Destiny, Faith, Kayla, & Sammi**

1290 Linneman  
5517 Cove Ct.  
1030 Beech Ave.  
7710 Zion Hill Rd.

**Kim McGregor, Marc**  
**Tom & Lisa Presley, Alexis**  
**Jennifer Ritter**



**Newly Baptized**

We congratulate those baptized since November 13, 2011

<b>Nathan Paul Neiheisel</b>	<b>Nov. 20</b>
<b>Chase Mathew Dreiling</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>
<b>Bradley Hadley</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>
<b>Theo Elijah Ramer</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>
<b>Jared Robert Newport</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>



God's Blessings to those, who recently shared in the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Teresa Church

<b>Jeffrey &amp; Katharine (Diehl) Moore</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>
<b>Michael &amp; Lisa (Branigan) Koenig</b>	<b>Nov. 26</b>
<b>Michael &amp; Lora (Gildea) Scarborough</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>
<b>Jake &amp; Ashley (Clark) Silvati</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>



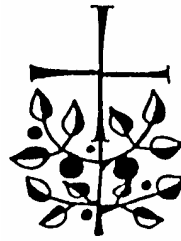
We commend to the mercy of God those, who recently entered Eternal Life and were buried from St. Teresa

<b>Gavin Charles Kelley</b>	<b>Nov. 12</b>
<b>Mary Jodice</b>	<b>Nov. 21</b>
<b>Catherine Kathmann</b>	<b>Nov. 24</b>
<b>Lorraine McAllister</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>
<b>Wilbur Weber</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>
<b>Minnie Cupito</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>
<b>Lars Molander</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>

**Our Charismatic Prayer Group** meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm in Church and hosts a Charismatic Mass with Healing Prayers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm. During the mass we pray over people in the Charismatic tradition for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing. Call Fr. Tom Bolte or Sue Freudiger @ 451-2162, if you have questions. All are welcome.

**The St. Teresa Prayer Chain**

Anyone needing prayer can call the Parish at 921-9200 or Cherie Frey (coordinator) at 921-1251. To be included as one who prays for requests, call Cherie. Please update and call Cherie as how prayers are answered



**St. Teresa Memorial Fund**

The noon Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month is for those enrolled in the St. Teresa Memorial. To enroll a person or include an intention, call the Office at 921-9200. Cards can be given to families. Donations are used for tuition assistance to St. Teresa School

**Jean Hasselbeck**

Joe & Jeannette Lind & Family

**Cathy Kathmann**

Dolly Roser, Janet, Jim Eric, Lisa, Sarah, Khanh Pennekamp, Eugene DiTullio, Martha Reilly, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Sinnard, Jodi Showalter-Logan, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lenhart, Myra & Roger Kathmann, David & Mary Hayden, Tom & Juliann Walsh, Jean & Paul Cahne & Family, Bob & Karen Bhuen, Cliff, Sandy, Bernice, Gary, Terri, Adam Amanda, Randy, Lauren Jones, Kroger, Jolene Logan

**John Munch**

Kitty Rumpke

**Will Weber**

Dee Kirby

**Bob Kirby**

Dee Kirby

**Mary & Paul Seiter**

Welage Family

**Mary Jo Gerrety**

Dave & Jane Heyl & Family

**Minnie Cupito**

Paul & Marilyn Leuenberger, John Willis Fluor Enterprises, Ed & Bettie Walpole, Edda Camardo, Rosemary Perrino, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jennings

**Fred Gruen**

Frank & Linda Thayer

**Sandy Birt**

Tony, Sue, Anthony Eichhorn

**Intentions of Gertie Wingate**

Joanne Qualters

**Lars Molander**

Lorraine Kendall

**Lucille Meirose**

The William Ploehs Family

**Melvin Pierson**

The William Ploehs Family

**Cathy Barczak**

Dr. & Mrs. William Puttmann

**REMEMBER**

**THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.**



The following is a continuation of those remembered in the All Souls Memorial Fund

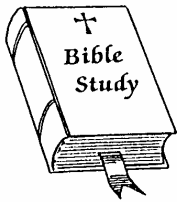
**Deceased of the O'Meara, Ahern, McGrath, Mueller Families**

Ann McGrath

**Deceased of the Grover & Marlene Woody Family**

Marlene Woody

**A Group of Men** meet on Fridays from 6 to 7am in the Undercroft to talk, pray & support their common goal to be men of Faith, like St. Joseph. All are welcome: single, married, divorced, widowed, and all ages from 21 to 100. Questions, call Roger Glandorf @ 251-7729.



**Adult Bible Study and Discussion Group** meets in the parish office on Wednesdays from 1 – 2 pm on the Old Testament, led by Fr. Dettenwanger. Come grow in knowledge of the Bible. Questions, call the parish office @ 921-9200. All are welcome to attend.

**The Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center**, located in Delhi, provides spiritual enrichment in many ways. Visit [www.srcharitycinti.org/spirt.htm](http://www.srcharitycinti.org/spirt.htm) or call 347-5449.

A tradition in the Catholic Church is **The Blessing of New Drivers**. At the weekend mass on Jan. 28/29 we will bless those seeking their Driver's License in 2012 and give them a Sacred Heart Religious Medal to be kept in their car.



**Our Respect Life Committee** has literature at the Church doors on how to support the Sanctity of Life. To join our committee, call Laura Prince @ 574-5060 or Karen Rackers @ 921-4727. Next meeting is Jan. 9 at 7 pm in the parish office. To join our St. Teresa

Parish Group that prays and walks on Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00, Ferguson Rd. in front of the Planned Parenthood Office, call Deacon Gregg at the Parish Office (921-9200). **March for Life** – Our Lady of Lourdes will sponsor a bus to Washington D.C. for the National Demonstration for Life. Call Lisa @ 515-0132 for details.



**The Parish Volunteer Appreciation Celebration** will be in the Church Undercroft on Saturday, January 21 at 5pm. The Parish Staff hosts the event to thank adults, who volunteered in 2011 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 free dinner and party. All (spouses are also welcome) are asked to R.S.V.P. to the office @ 921-9200 by January 19, so we can order sufficient food and refreshments.

**Some people are allergic to wheat/dairy products** and are unable to receive the Body of Christ in regular hosts (Archbishop Schnurr has this problem) but are able to receive Blood of Christ under the form of wine. We now have very low gluten and wheat hosts available. Anyone needing to receive this special type of host should contact Fr. Bolte at the parish office.

**Try the Shopper Certificate Program.**

Certificates/gift cards are available at Church every weekend and in the Parish Office. We have Applebee's @ \$25.00, Arby's @ \$10.00, Bath & Body Works @ \$10.00, Bob Evans @ \$10.00, Chipotle @ \$10.00, Cracker Barrel @ \$10.00, CVS Pharmacy @ \$25.00, Diane's Restaurant @ \$5.00, Dick's Sporting Goods @ \$25.00, Frisch's @ \$5.00, Humbert's @ \$10.00, Kentucky Fried Chicken @ \$5.00, Kohl's @ \$25.00, Kroger @ \$25.00, LaPetite Salon @ 25.00, LaRosa's @ 20.00, LaRosa's Buddy Card @ \$10.00, O'Charley's @ \$25.00, Panera Bread @ \$10.00, Papa John's @ \$10.00, Payless Shoe Stores @ \$20.00, Price Hill Chili @ \$10.00, Red Lobster & Olive Garden @ \$25.00, Skyline @ \$20.00, Speedway @ \$25.00, Subway @ \$10.00, TGI Friday's @ \$25.00, Wendy's @ \$10.00.



**November profit was \$ 706.36 – Thank You!**



**SENIORS:** All those 60 & above are invited to our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3 pm in the Church Undercroft. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 17, with lunch from Price Hill Chili. Call Maria at the office (921-9200) for information.

Come make your good marriage, a Great marriage by attending **Marriage Encounter**. Next M.E. programs are in February, March and May. For details, call Dave & Jan @ 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or [www.esharing.org](http://www.esharing.org)

**Is your Marriage Hurting, Distant or Uncaring?** The Catholic Church sponsors The Retrouvaille Program to help troubled marriages. The next program is January 20; call 793-6777 for details.

**JUST TO LET YOU KNOW  
Counseling Services**

Sadly, individuals request help from a counselor only after events have damaged their lives or the lives of others. Here are services for counseling or support.

1. Alcoholics Anonymous – (513) 351-0422 or Visit [www.AAcincinnati.org](http://www.AAcincinnati.org).
2. Al-Anon – For those concerned about a friend or family member's drinking– (513) 771-4070.
3. Anger Management – (513) 385-6900
4. Gamblers Anonymous – 1-888-746-4942
5. Narcotics Anonymous – (513) 820-2725
6. Sexaholics Anonymous – (513) 521-5404
7. New Direction Treatment Services – Local Substance Abuse Services – (513) 362-2732
8. The Women's Connection – A Support Group For Women - (513) 471-4673
9. Seton Family Center - Counseling (471-9169)

**Those experiencing the Loss of a Loved One** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday from 1-3pm at the Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home. Questions, call Janet (574-9653). **Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio** (421-3131) if you know anyone having an unplanned pregnancy, counselors are available on a free & confidential basis.



## St. Teresa Christmas Flower Memorial

Mayer and Richter Families  
Natalie Mazzei  
Mary Mazzei  
William and Helena Berning  
Fred and Helen Welage  
Roger and Mary O'Sullivan  
Joe, Carl and Marguerite Miney  
Lee Wagner  
Fr. Raymond Wiemeyer  
Deceased Wittrock Family  
Deceased Miney Family  
Emmett Bold  
Mary Bennett  
Bob Tepe  
Dan Finley  
Dan and Vera Finley  
John and Dorothy Ruth  
Marilyn Campbell  
Jack Ruth  
Bill Mentel  
Bob Luebbe  
George Herrmann  
Carolyn Herrmann-Bush  
Arlene Stevens  
Martha McLellan  
Kraft Family  
Mary Simpson  
Juanita Pennekamp  
Henrietta and Matthew Stitzel  
Robert Stitzel  
Eloise Sewell  
Martha Agricola  
Frank Agricola  
Phyllis Tuttle  
Bill Tuttle  
Deceased members of the Meyer & Knapp Families  
Ed & Ceil Bens  
Ed & Josephine Burke  
Dan Burke, Sr.  
Charles Abbott  
Joseph Maushart, Jr.  
Bud & Angie Meyers  
Emil Bechtel  
Emma Bechtel  
John Bechtel  
Frank Bechtel  
Jerry Bechtel  
Tom Roman

Luella and Nicholas Stitzel  
Harold Kendall  
Robert and May Staton  
Una M. Wilson  
Jesus E. Ahuja  
The Fischer Family  
The Meibers Family  
Tony and Amelia Bunning  
Walter and Charlotte Flynn  
Gene Haas  
Norbert C. Haas  
Ray and Amelia Mentink  
George Herrmann  
Carolyn Herrmann Bush  
Barb and Leo Morand  
Emmett Bold  
Hazel and John Vrlch  
Carter Eudy  
Don "Red" Leonard  
Marian Heidel  
Allie Meckstroth  
Donald Branigan  
Family of John A. Miller  
Family of John F. Qualters  
Family of Evelyn Liskay  
Jim Steinriede  
Virginia and Carl Brabender  
Bolte Family  
Jansen Family  
Edith and Clyde Shorten  
Elmer W. Heyob  
Crystal Heyob  
John Berrens  
George and Pat Mullen  
Patricia Mullen  
Patricia Puttmann  
Gene Downing  
Harry Hericks  
H. Jos. Hericks  
Tom Smith  
Steve Fricke  
Paul Hellmann  
Martin Hellmann  
Richard S. Huff  
Joe Scott  
Carolyn Smith  
Joe Willenbrink  
Ann Stitzel  
Scott Stitzel  
Sylvester Meyer  
Esther Meyer  
James Meyer  
David Pavey  
Family and Friends of the Tillar Family  
Family and Friends of the Messingschlager Family  
Archie Ellis  
Rosemary Berning  
Deceased of Meiners and Budde Families  
Dorothy A. Davis  
Cynthia M. Marino

Donald C. Davis  
 Herman Anthony Lucia  
 Robert Brockman  
 Ruth Brockman  
 Francis and Charlotte Gerstner  
 The Roettkers  
 The Bareswilts  
 Norbert C. Knapp  
 Steven C. Knapp  
 Kenneth Schroeder  
 Walter Katenbrink  
 George Herrmann  
 Carolyn (Herrmann) Bush  
 Deceased of Robert and Janet Bruns Family  
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogelpohl  
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Meyer, Sr.  
 Mr. Donald J. Meyer, Sr.  
 Jeff Turner  
 Larry Turner  
 Eichhorn Family  
 Zeis Family  
 Ambrose Family  
 Vantyle Family  
 Bob and Vera Lohbeck  
 Andrew and Carol Meyer  
 The Petrillo Family  
 The Osterman Family  
 Klinkenberg Family  
 Book Family  
 Henry Rumpke  
 Donna Nunlist  
 Jane Dault  
 John Sullivan  
 Bill Groh  
 Ben Sewell  
 David L. Schatzman  
 Ron Sewell  
 Lois R. Schatzman  
 Len Wedig  
 Joseph and Rina Del Prince  
 Gerard J. Chabot  
 Donatella Miele  
 Salvatore Miele Family  
 Grandpa and Grandma Lucia  
 Grandpa and Grandma Crozzoletto  
 Alberto Sandalo  
 Marvin Riley  
 John Sandhas  
 In Honor of John Vogele  
 Deceased Carroll and Vogele Families  
 Clarence Roser  
 Anita Thernes  
 Margaret Thernes  
 Frank Thernes  
 Edward and Kathleen Lipps  
 Fred Flick  
 Baby Drew Avey  
 Jacob Nusekabel  
 Marie Nusekabel  
 Helen Brune

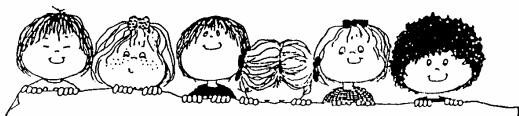
Len Wirtz  
 Mary German  
 Edward German  
 Jack, Betty, and J. Patrick Eagan  
 Mary Kersting  
 Peter Mazzei  
 Rackers Family  
 Fred Clubb  
 Pete Humbert  
 Mike Humbert  
 Christopher Jude Hater  
 Frank Vorholt  
 Phyllis A. Herzog  
 Deceased of the Augusta Martinie Family  
 Mary and Paul Seiter  
 Dittrich and Karch Families  
 Bernice Angeline  
 Lou and Cleo Angeline  
 Dom and Rose Angeline  
 Frank and Florence Angeline  
 Ed and Bernice Urk  
 Ed and Minnie Poth  
 Emmett Bold Sr.  
 Bernard Orrell  
 John V. Orrell  
 Florence Michaelson



**Please pray for parishioners in the Armed Forces**

Call the office to include relatives in the military.

Cliff Sauerwein, Army in Iraq  
Mark Quigley, Army in Iraq – 4<sup>th</sup> tour  
Captain Scotti Pfirman, – Fort Bragg/Afghanistan  
Lance Corp. Scott Hambrick – Iraq  
Vincent Orlando, U.S. Air Force  
Gy/Sgt. Sean Crotty - Cherry Point, North Carolina  
Sgt. Nick Knoll Marine Corp, - Kaneohe, Hawaii  
Sgt. Jacob Cowan, US Marine Corp – Afghanistan/Iraq  
Petty Officer Paul Strunks, Navy, Virginia Beach, VA  
Ensign Katie McKiernan Navy Nurse -San Diego CA  
Ryan Neville, Marine Corp – Okinawa, Japan  
Matthew D. Koppers, Marine Corp, Afghanistan  
Katie Limbaugh, Air Force, Iraq  
Gregory McManus - Chief Petty Officer, Navy, TX  
Joshua Stewart, Navy – Great Lakes, MI  
Paul Crawford, Marine Corp – San Diego, CA  
Sgt. William Bickers – Afghanistan  
David Korte – Navy, San Diego  
Joe Harris – Army, Germany  
Ryan Korte – Coast Guard, Hawaii  
Chris Ginandt – Corp. Marine Corp-Afghanistan in Sept.  
Christopher Lyon - National Guard, Iraq  
Anthony Smith – Army, Afghanistan  
Jake Johnston – Army, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina  
 (Please call Maria in the Parish Office @ 921-9200 by  
 Jan. 10 to let us know the status/location of those above)



**The St. Teresa School Fine Arts** presents the annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Play: "Godspell" on Feb. 9, 10 and 11. On Friday January 27 from 5 to 7 there will be a special evening with Skyline, dessert and drinks with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders singing the songs from "Godspell" for just \$ 7.00 donation. For tickets contact the school office, 471-4530..

**Help St. Teresa School:** We collect Box Tops for Education, Labels from Prego, Spaghetti-O's; Tyson products with "There's a Project A+ label"; Box Top coupons from General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury & Kleenex. Clip the UPC code from Campbell products. Take a sheet from church for a list of needed items. Send them to school or put in the box at the Church entrance.

**St. Teresa School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class is selling Cookie Dough** to help fund their June Canoe Trip. They have Peanut Butter, Oatmeal Raisin and M & M cookie dough for sale. The cookie dough is frozen and ready to be put on a cookie sheet. Please help by contacting Tanya Morgan @ [tanyamorgan73@gmail.com](mailto:tanyamorgan73@gmail.com) or Jeanne Drinkuth @ 921-9191 ([jdrinkuth@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jdrinkuth@cinci.rr.com)).

**The St. Teresa Athletic Association will hold Baseball Signups** for the 2012 Season for all players from D Non-Competitive through 15U (ages 5 to 15). There will be 4 sessions to sign-up. Late sign-ups will NOT be accepted, exception for players trying out for high school teams if numbers allow. Questions, contact: Phil Eichelberger @ 254-6353 or Jim Price @ 382-6058.

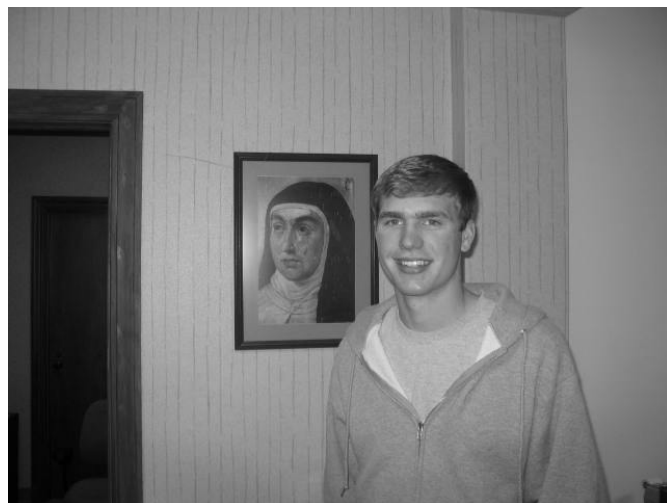
<u>Sign-up Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Jan. 8	12:30 – 2:30pm	St. T. Undercroft
Tues. Jan. 10	7:00 – 8:30pm	St. T. Undercroft
Sunday, Jan. 15	11:30 -12:30pm	St. Al's on Ohio
Thurs. Jan. 19	6:30 – 8:00pm	St. T. Undercroft

### Aluminum Recycling at St. Teresa School

Please bring aluminum cans to our recycling bin on the Rulison Parking Lot. We can improve our community; plus raise money for school projects. Also, thank you to those, who bring newspaper, magazines, junk mail, etc. to our recycling container. With your help we make a better world.



**Yes, Thank You to everyone**, who made our Advent Giving Tree program so successful this year. Through your generosity, we were able to provide coats, toys, groceries and gifts to those at Bethany House and the Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers who are in serious need. To all those who helped shop, sort, pack & deliver the gifts – **THANK YOU!** The scope of this project is much smaller when there is so much wonderful support. May the love of Christ live in your heart all year long. **Aimee Hart**



### Jesse Weidner

My name is Jesse Weidner and I will be working to form a youth ministry program here at St. Teresa Parish. I am 20 years old, grew up on an Indiana farm, and have 8 younger siblings. For the past 4 years I have worked with youth ministry programs in southeastern Indiana and assisted with retreats in other states. Currently, I work as an electrician and music teacher here in Cincinnati. I cherish my Catholic faith above everything else. Our Faith gives us all a sense of community in God and allows us to share it with others and not bury our beliefs deep within ourselves. This is what I believe is at the core of youth ministry, building our faith with others, so we can stand in front of God and say "I gave my all trying". We are seeking college age students, adults and parents to help, contact me at [jeweidner14@gmail.com](mailto:jeweidner14@gmail.com) or 513-227-7770.

### Permanent Deacon Formation Update

**By: Dave Steinwert**

We are now halfway into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our three-year permanent Deacon Formation Program. Classes last year focused mainly in academic studies of the Sacraments, Scripture, Church Doctrine and a Life of Service to which a permanent Deacon makes a commitment. Classes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year focus on Faith Formation, Moral Teaching, Christian Spirituality, Canon Law and Social Justice. Like the 1<sup>st</sup> year, we experience practical training in preaching. During the first 10 weeks of this year, each of us began writing and preaching homilies in group workshops. New this year is a musical component of our studies which is helpful in making the transition to the new Roman Missal.

Along with formal classes and workshops, we pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Morning & Evening Prayer) and attend Mass each day. Praying with fellow students and seminarians is very special, and has been a tremendous help in my spiritual journey. A special bond develops between the men, who are in formation for the permanent diaconate. This is strengthened through prayer. This bond extends to the seminarians with whom we share prayers and meals. It is really encouraging to share time with these young men, committing their lives to the priesthood.

I am sincerely thankful for the prayers and words of encouragement that the parishioners here at St. Teresa of Avila have expressed. Prayer is powerful.



Richard's visit to St. James Parish The Philippines this past October. Richard is standing at the end of the table with the pastor, Fr. Emil (seated) & Pastoral Council members.

I was greeted by 5 people from St. James Parish upon arrival at Clark Airport, The Philippines at 1:30 am. The drive to my host's home took about an hour. My first day started with breakfast: a spinach egg omelet, basil bread, and coffee. Myrna Bituin, my host, gave me a tour of her carved wood furniture business. Their business provides jobs for hundreds of Betis residents and their products are sold internationally. After the tour and lunch of homemade chicken noodle soup, a driver took me to St. James Church. The Church entrance & parking lot were flooded due to the typhoon that had come through the day before I arrived. St. James Church was originally built in the 1600's and still retains some of the original works of art. It is a beautiful place of worship. Some restoration is underway with scaffolding throughout the church. I met with Fr. Emil and Consuelo. We had a conversation about the makeup of the parish and the Betis area, religious life and community outreach projects. Consuelo took me to 5pm mass in one of the 7 chapels in the neighborhoods surrounding the main church. Fr. Emil was the celebrant with 2 other priests and Deacon Mark. It was packed and music was performed by a children's choir. I was introduced during the service. After mass, I went to a large room behind the chapel for dinner of rice, stew, chicken, baked whole fish, and banana. Pictures were taken with many of the parishioners and lots of curious looks from many smiling faces. I talked to as many people as I could before I had to retire for the day. The next day, Jose & Myrna Bituin showed me the local neighborhood explaining the history and progress in Betis and the Philippines. That night I met with the Pastoral Council. All 25 members introduced themselves and shared what part they served. I spoke about my reason for coming and advancing the effort of twinning. I spoke of my belief in the universal brotherhood of being Catholic and about being more than a ritualistic Catholic, but engaged in living the teachings of Jesus in the world. I then enjoyed another delicious Philippine meal. The next day Consuelo took me to the town of Bacolor that had suffered from the 1991 Mt. Pinatubo Volcano eruption. Over several years of recurrent lava flow, the town was covered with almost

20 feet of lava and ash. The main church, San Guillermo, was covered half way up the structure. Then she took me to see all 7 chapels that make up the parish of St. James. We also visited a sculptor's shop. The owner carves most of the religious statues for the area churches. Amazing work! After dinner with my host family, I meet Fr. Emil, Banjo Serrano and Dante Torres at a local coffee shop to share ideas on how to build up the twinning relationship between our 2 parishes. We discussed future exchanges and how to stay in touch on a regular basis. Sharing our pastoral council minutes was suggested as a way to see what kind of issues we each deal with and how we might gain from these reports. I will share more details with St. Teresa Pastoral Council when I return. They also would like to build and dedicate a park to St. Teresa Parish, Cincinnati, Ohio. We will need to send them a picture of a St. Teresa statue we use, for them to have a statue carved for the park. We discussed getting young members involved in the twinning process. They will be the ones to carry on the mission. They have two men working on their web page who are 25 and 35 years old. On Sunday morning, Fr. Emil said a mass in English for me. A reception after mass was held in the upstairs of the church. After the reception, we went to Consuelo's house for a performance by the youth choir. What an awesome experience! The next morning, I left the Philippines.

Richard S Hoehn

## Singles

**ATTENTION SINGLE ADULTS:** Consider contacting these Catholics groups: **The Catholic Alumni Club** sponsors spiritual, social & recreational events for single Catholics 21 and over. Contact Bill @ 539-9525 or [www.CACofCincinnati.com](http://www.CACofCincinnati.com). **River is a Cincinnati group of Single Adult Catholics.** They host activities and visit [www.RIVER.CatholicWeb.com](http://www.RIVER.CatholicWeb.com) for details. **University of Cincinnati Students**, there is a Catholic group on campus that coordinates dinners, trips, retreats, etc. Call 381-6400 or visit [msgnewman@gmail.com](mailto:msgnewman@gmail.com). **Thirty Plus Catholic Singles** For details about this group or Catholic singles, ages 30 and above, call 388-4466 or visit [thirtypluscs@catholicweb.com](mailto:thirtypluscs@catholicweb.com).

**Sections I & III of Handel's Messiah** will be performed by St. William Choir and CMO Chamber Orchestra on Wed. Jan 4 at 7:30pm, directed by Dave Allen. A free will offering will occur. For details contact St. William Church at 921-0247 or visit [www.saintwilliam.com](http://www.saintwilliam.com)

**Dear Fr. Bolte and St. Teresa Parish,**

Thank you for the wonderful baby items (diapers, baby clothing, formula, strollers, etc.) from your Giving Tree and to those who delivered the gifts to our Center. Your kindness will give our clients hope that someone cares. May you have a very blessed Christmas! **Terri Huwel,**

**Director of Old St. Mary Pregnancy Center**  
**ST. TERESA PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
 (UNOFFICIAL), November 2, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and opened with prayer by Father Bolte.

2. **Faith Formation:** given by Laura Prince

3. **Roll Call:** Roll call taken and minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed. Those in attendance: Fr. Bolte, Chris James, Peggy Jasper, Dean Seaman, David VanSice, Judy Neville, Mike Gleason, Tim Darnell (Education Commission), Laura Prince (Worship Commission), Rich Messerle (Finance Commission) and Jenny Srode. Dean Seaman made a motion to accept the minutes as written, second by Peggy Jasper, and passed unanimously.

#### 4. **New Business**

**A) Butler Insurance Property:** We are getting bids on the cost for paving and working with an engineer to find out what it would take to get the property "usable" considering the water retention issues, etc.

**B) New 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Roman Missal:** Begins November 27, 2011. Booklets, created by the Archdiocese Worship Office, are in the pews and we now have new blue Gather books for music. Rick Davis, Music Director, is creating a New Parish Song Folder for additional songs not in the Gather book.

**C) Blue Tiles in Church:** We received an email from Jenny Srode that the blue tiles on the wall behind the altar need to be cleaned. Jenny noticed that her son had brushed up against the wall and discovered that years of burning candles in church were leaving soot on the tiles. She volunteered to organize a team to clean the tiles. After discussing the equipment and liability issues, the Council referred this to Building and Grounds Committee. Council thanked Jenny for bringing this to their attention and hopes the project can be planned and completed in time for our 100<sup>th</sup> Parish anniversary in 2016 (along with other special projects for the Church).

#### **D) Commission Reports**

**A) Education:** Tim Darnell reported that the commission is applying for various grants, but have not yet received any responses back. They are exploring ideas for advertising about our great School and seeking for more media recognition of the many exciting programs and achievements in St. Teresa School and Parish. Next Education Commission is Jan. 18 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

**B) Finance:** In regard to the Parish Budget, Rich Messerle reported that the school income is a bit below budget. This is mainly because we have not yet received the money from the state of Ohio for students on the Ed. Choice program. Once this is received, we should be on budget. In regard to the Festival, preliminary numbers are showing a net profit for the Summer Festival of around \$ 29,000.00; which is lower than last year. The Festival Committee is exploring ways to increase the profit for next year. In regard to the needed Repairs to the Church Bell Tower: Two companies have presented us quotes on the repairs ranging from \$ 78,000 to \$ 120,000. We are waiting for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Company to give a quote to fix the Bell Tower. At that time the Building & Grounds Committee and Finance Commission will evaluate the

proposals and eventually give Pastoral Council a recommendation. We hope the repairs can be completed this spring. In regard to the side Avila Hall door: After examining the door, repairing is not a viable option, so replacing the door is recommended. Dean Seaman made a motion to replace the door, second by Chris James and passed unanimously. The next Finance Commission is Jan. 11 at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

**E) Worship:** Laura Prince reported from the Oct. 26 meeting: We have obtained non-glucose hosts for those members of the congregation, who are not able to receive Communion under the form of bread, due to glucose intolerance. Articles in the bulletin and newsletter will ask anyone in need of non-glucose hosts to contact Fr. Bolte. During early November, Fr. Schmitz and Fr. Bolte presented workshops on The 3<sup>rd</sup> Roman Missal for use in all English Speaking Countries. Rick Davis and the music groups have been practicing the new chants prior to mass, so that the Congregation will be ready for the changes on Nov. 26/27. The Canned Food/Coat and Blanket Collection on Nov. 5 & 6 were very successful. Thank you the Scouts, Hennessey Family and all who assisted in this project to help those in need. For the Advent Season, we will have our annual Penance Service on Dec. 12; Christmas Cantata with Heritage Church Choir on Dec. 11; Children's Concert on Dec. 14; extra Confessions the week prior to Christmas; have the Advent Wreath in front of the Altar; provide religious items in the back of Church Nov. 19/20 for people to use in their homes; provide a Day of Recollection with Fr. McCarthy on Dec. 12; and of course the Advent Giving Tree – generously coordinated by Aimee Hart and her family. For the Christmas Season we will have 2 Vigil Masses, 12am Midnight Mass, and 3 Christmas Day Masses; Ask grade school students to help with the Epiphany masses; Thank you celebrations for grade school and high school servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, & music groups/choirs; etc. Next Worship Commission is Jan. 25 at 6:30pm All are welcome to attend.

#### **F) St. Vincent de Paul Update for the Year**

Dave Steinwert presented a report on the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Some of the highlights include:

- 1) Total households requesting assistance: 381
- 2) Total households assisted (financial aid): 146
- 3) Total people assisted (in households): 501
- 4) Vouchers issued for furniture, clothing & beds: 41
- 5) Total money used year-to-date: \$ 18,799.75
- 7) Requests for help from 2010 to 2011 are up 52.4%.

**8. Ministry Reports:** No reports.

**9. General Comments:** No reports

**10. Closing Prayer:** Laura Prince led a closing prayer.

**11. Meeting adjourned** at 9pm.

**Next Meeting:** Jan 4, 2012 @ 7:30 P.M. in Avila Hall. All are welcome to attend.



### **The Boy's Basketball Mass was Nov. 27**

The St. Teresa Boys Basketball Season began with 7:30pm Mass on Sunday, Nov. 27. Thank you to the coaches, who enable our students to enjoy the game, win or lose. The annual Boy's Basketball Tournament in St. Teresa School Gym starts in February. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer our teams (it's much better than the Pro games). **Have a great season Bruin Basketball teams.**



### **St. Teresa School Bible Bowl Team**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will compete in the annual Catholic Schools Bible Bowl on Thursday, Jan 12. This is great opportunity for students to have fun, while growing in knowledge of the Bible. Our team is composed of Maura Goins, Emily Schmitz, Beth Lindenschmidt, Sara Bender, Quinn James and Braden Frondorf. Thank you to Mrs. Schweer and the other adults helping our Team.