

St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan
Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 Parish Center Conference Room
AGENDA

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to strive to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

Opening Prayer Experience and Attendance: Upcoming Sunday Gospel
Ongoing Formation of the Council: From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Part 5

Review of the Minutes, Opening Prayer Experience and Attendance:

Ongoing Parish Issues

A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)

1. Building Committee progress report: from maintenance to mission, mission to maintenance storage area next to the parish center.
2. Archdiocesan Synod on the New Evangelization
3. 2016 Catholic Services Appeal: Report #4
4. Status on parish phone system and church sound system/hearing loops
6. Any other Old Business?

B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)

1. AED training workshop
2. “The Spoon Man” fundraiser
3. More Communion Cups at holiday Masses and more Cups for handicapped at Sunday Mass
4. How to recruit more high school altar servers

Report of the Commissions: See submitted reports.

1. Worship Commission
2. Education/Formation Commission: No meeting in May.
3. Christian Service Commission: No meeting in May.
4. Evangelization Committee
5. Parish Finance Council
6. Youth Representative
7. Central Macomb Vicariate Representative

OPEN FORUM / UPCOMING EVENTS / FYI:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Propose Tuesday, November 8

(Nov. 1 is the Solemn Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation), 2016

CLOSING PRAYER: Pope Francis Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

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- Reviewed and approved by the Parish Pastoral Council June, 2016

2016 Catholic Services Appeal Report #4

PARISH TARGET:	\$78,444
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$91,028 (5 online donors)
% of TARGET	116%
AMOUNT PAID	\$79,508.64
NUMBER OF GIFTS	471 out of 1376 households
% of PARTICIPATION	34% (51% of active households)
AVERAGE GIFT	\$194
STILL NEED TO HEAR FROM:	905 households
OUTSTANDING BALANCE	\$11, 519.36

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Tuesday, September 6, 2016 Parish Center Conference Room
MINUTES

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to strive to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

Opening Prayer Experience and Attendance: The meeting began at 7:10 PM. We welcomed our new chairperson, Mr. Gary McMEnamin and our new Youth Representative, Ciara Regan-Moore. Good reflection sharing on the Sunday Gospel.

Ongoing Formation of the Council: From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Part 4. We shared our reflections on the unfortunate experiences that have driven people away from the Church, and we remembered those people and events who made Christ and the Good News real and present in our lives.

Review of the Minutes: Approved with no corrections.

Ongoing Parish Issues

A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)

1. Building Committee progress report: Only two punch list items remain to be corrected. We hope to wrap up the project soon. The present cost of the project is \$134,000; our budget for the project is \$150,000.
2. Archdiocesan Synod on the New Evangelization: Participation in Come, Encounter Christ, Parish Dialogue Sessions and the Amazing Parish Conference were all held in preparation for the Synod which will take place November 18-20, 2016.
3. Mission Trip to Appalachia progress report: Rocky Mercier, one of the nine parishioners who went on the pilgrimage, shared his reflections on the week in Kentucky. Repairs were made to three homes, but the most impressive part of the trip was the faith sharing of the local people, and the prayer experiences of the three parish teams.
4. 2016 Catholic Services Appeal:

Report #3

PARISH TARGET:	\$78,444
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$88,878 (5 online donors)
% of TARGET	113%
AMOUNT PAID	\$73,105.62
NUMBER OF GIFTS	458 out of 1376 households
% of PARTICIPATION	33% (46% of active households)
AVERAGE GIFT	\$194
STILL NEEDED IN PAYMENTS TO REACH AND SURPASS OUR PARISH TARGET:	\$15,772.38
STILL NEED TO HEAR FROM:	918 households

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5. Status on parking lot, telephone system upgrade, and church sound system: The parking lot has been completed resprayed and re-lined. Makes the whole place look like new! We are still searching bids and are starting to lay the interior cables; no company bid has been accepted. Three companies are being contacted. The church sound system seems to have been improved simply by changing the microphone at the ambo (pulpit). Still investigating the possibility of hearing loops for the hearing impaired.

6. Any other Old Business? None.

B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)

1. Warming Center 2017: We confirmed the dates of February 19-26, 2017
2. Workshop on the Perils of Human Trafficking: First time, the workshop was cancelled because of snow; the second workshop took place.
3. AED training workshop: Because of the improvement of the technology of the Automatic Electronic Defibrillator, parish leadership and ushers will need to be retrained, especially in determining whether an AED is needed at all.
4. Confirm parish COR for Boy Scouts: Congratulations, Mr. Gary McMenamini! Gary educated us as to the proper role and function of the Charter Organization Representative. He is connected with the Cub Scouts through his son.
5. "The Spoon Man" fundraiser: This is an entertainer who uses spoons to evangelize and entertain. This is sponsored by the Parish Faith Formation and the Knights of Columbus and will take place on Saturday, November 12th.

Report of the Commissions: See submitted reports.

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7. Central Macomb Vicariate Representative: Meetings will resume in September. Unfortunately, the entire meeting is about reading reports; no other action takes place.

OPEN FORUM / UPCOMING EVENTS / FYI: The Worship Commission is asked to discuss the possibility of having additional Communion cups with the Precious Blood for the handicapped at weekend Masses, and to have additional Communion cups with the Precious Blood when attendance increases at holiday Masses (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day). Fr. Nick will bring this to the Worship Commission.

Concern was also expressed about the absence of high school altar servers. Fr. Nick will bring this to the Youth Ministry.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Propose Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 7 PM.

(More)

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EVALUATION OF THE MEETING: Lots of ideas were expressed; great energy from the mission trip to Apple-atcha; liked giving input; thanked Ciara for her great participation and input!

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting concluded at 8:35 PM with the Pope Francis Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

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Catholic Services Appeal for 2016

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Missionary Cooperation Plan for 2016

Thanks to your generosity, \$3,125.34 was raised to benefit the St. Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society, Inc., the Xavierian Missionary Fathers. The appeal was made at the end of July. _

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Present: Joanne Mizak, Claire Shaw, Ruth Ceci, Stan Sobecki, Agnes Smalkowski, Cheryl Ginnel, Gary McMenamin, Marilyn Bacyinski, Linda Samulski, Regina Falkowski

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes from May 24, 2016 accepted with one spelling correction
3. Reports
 - A. ACWC- 116 members, a lot of food was sent to veterans after the welcome back meeting, card party is in October, ladies retreat is Oct. 15
 - B. Autumn Woods- help is needed for Communion Services, especially while Dc. Marion is recuperating. Linda Samulski volunteered to be trained.
 - C. Bereavement- 5 new ministers were trained this summer. One has decided not to work in the ministry. The rest will be commissioned this fall. Prayer shawl ministry was introduced. (parish ladies knit a shawl, it is blessed and prayed over and given to grieving family) To be discussed more at a future meeting.
 - D. Boy Scouts- pancake breakfast in spring was successful, they will be selling popcorn the second weekend of Oct., will be doing pumpkin carving at Oct 27 meeting, they have been having monthly camping trips.
 - E. Food Pantry/Food collection- we have quite a bit of food stored for Holiday Giving Program. Monthly collections of household products going well. Storage is a problem.
 - F. Funeral Lunch- Renee' met with a couple of women to discuss new program. Renee' will go to next ACWC meeting to present to ladies and will put article in bulletin. Plan is to have breakfast/brunch since most of funerals are at 9:30am.
 - G. Knights of Columbus- picnic for Relig. Ed families on Sept. 25 was not well attended. Considering another time of year. Oct 1 will have Brew and Brat dinner, Oct 22 Euchre party, Oct 30 trunk or treat from 3-4pm.
 - H. Parish Council- Rocky is our rep for the vicariate, church bathrooms are almost complete, Worship commission will address if there is enough wine put out for communion.
 - I. Parish Nurse- Renee' will do short spot at retreat for breast cancer awareness, armchair aerobics has started, Renee' will be calling to schedule flu shots.
 - J. Right to Life- October is respect life month, need to make sure articles are printed in bulletin every week, life chain is on Oct. 2 on Gratiot, RTL will sell Christmas cards at ACWC fair.
 - K. Stephen Ministry- no report
 - L. Teens- no report (fall retreat is being planned)
4. Old Business
 - A. Appalachian Mission trip was a huge success. 9 missionaries, great parish support, many followed progress through the website, missionaries worked

hard, helped 3 families, had a retreat-like experience. St. Michael in Sterling Heights is considering joining us next summer.

- B. Detroit clothing drive to assist St. Dominic occurred on Sept 17 & 18. Moderate size load, was concerned about number of volunteers to empty truck, but several people came through and the job was easily completed.

5. New Business

- A. Mercy in Action day is Oct 1. Service projects will be done throughout the archdiocese that morning. St. Martin will be collecting gently used medical equipment to go to lending closets. The preparations for the program have been very time intensive for Renee'. A positive outcome is interaction with other parishes in the area.
- B. SPA (spiritually prepared always) ladies retreat on Sat, Oct 15. Kathleen Lindemann from the AOD will be speaking. It will be a pink ribbon event to support breast cancer awareness, but that will not be the focus of the talk. We are hoping to have about 75 women.
- C. Renee' got a quote for AED's (about \$3500) for church and parish center. Coordinating and planning training will be a huge undertaking. Hoping before Christmas to get this in place.
- D. Joanne is attempting to get more info on human trafficking, but is running into roadblocks.
- E. We are so busy in parish we will probably not host a blood drive until Good Friday. Red Cross wanted one the week after the mission trip, but this was impossible to coordinate.
- F. Donut ministry. Attendance has drastically dropped since the change in Mass times. There is often only one table of people for fellowship (6-8 people). More people attend the week of blood pressure screening. It was proposed that we only have coffee and donuts once a month with the blood pressure screen.
- G. The need for more parish storage was discussed with ideas for solutions.

6. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2016

7. Closed with prayer- The Lord's Prayer

**St. Martin de Porres Parish Warren, Michigan
Combined Parish Finance Council
and Stewardship Awareness Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 1:30 PM
Parish Center Conference Room**

MINUTES

Opening Prayer/Faith/Sharing Experience:

The meeting began at 1:35 PM with a reflection on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

Attendance and Review of the Minutes: All members were present: Fr. Nick Zukowski, Mike Garcia, Jerry Cipkowski and Mike Kostrzeba. Minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

Ongoing Education and Formation of the Council

“Go and Make Disciples: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization” by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops is the current ongoing formation topic for the Parish Pastoral Council and all the other commissions. We reviewed the questions for Section One. Good sharing.

Ongoing Parish Finance Issues

A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)

1. Review reports: Bookkeeper Dawn Peters will create comparison columns. Because of the current format of A o D forms, Dawn cannot provide a current month by prior month comparison for the reports. In future, she will print two sets of reports: the current one and the prior one from last year’s records.
2. Employee Handbook update: No progress.
3. Church restroom upgrade update: Begins Monday, May 2, 2016. See details in the bulletin articles.
4. “Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit” stewardship awareness: bulletin inserts, announcements, homilies and testimonials are provided by the A o D. Start Date of April 3, 2016 which will include bulletin articles and inserts, and homilies only. We will attempt to plan and do the entire program next fiscal year. It was felt that this year’s emphasis should be on Evangelization and the Archdiocesan Synod.
5. Any other Old Business? None mentioned.

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B. Issues for dialogue, sharing, reaction, proposing (New Business)

1. Girl Scout cookie sale at St. Martin's: It was decided by the pastoral team not to allow the sale of Girl Scout cookies on the parish premises because a percentage of the sale profits goes to pro-choice, anti-life groups.

2. Current Updates on other parish stewardship efforts:

a. Catholic Services Appeal:

2015 parish target: \$78,750; we are \$13,000 ABOVE the parish target!

2016 parish target: \$78,444

b. Changing Lives Together: Funds ready to be used for the church restroom renovations. Demolition will commence on May 1, 2016. Estimated time line, 6 weeks. (It has been four and a half months, and we still have one final punch list item to do!)

c. Sunday Offering: We are slightly above budget.

d. Time and Talent Commitment Sunday for Adults/Youth: Pentecost? We will still try to have a Time and Talent Expo on Pentecost Sunday.

3. Report from Parish Pastoral Council: Already addressed above.

4. Letter from A o D Dept. of Finance and Administration regarding Financial Report for FY 13-14 and FY 14-15: Fr. Nick needs to speak with the ACWC officers about procedures for their account.

5. Any other New Business? Fr. Nick will be meeting with staff from Our Lady of Hope Parish in the final rounds of interviews for a business manager. It is hoped that Our lady of Hope Parish and St. Martin de Porres Parish will share this person. It is anticipated that the business manager would spend four days at Our Lady of Hope Parish and one day here, preferably on Wednesday, when our bookkeeper is here.

Evaluation of the Meeting: Informative, useful, inspiring.

Schedule of Next Meeting and Assignments: Propose Tuesday, August 8, 2016

OR: PROPOSE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016, 1:30 PM

Closing Prayer: Pope Francis Prayer for Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Meeting ended at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by Fr. Nick Zukowski

St. Martin de Porres Education Commission Meeting
MINUTES of September 14, 2016



Opening Prayer: Prayer to Saint Mother Teresa

Roll Call: Chris Cabe, Zora Dziurman, Bea D'Ambrosio, Gary McMenamin, Maggie Missig
Excused: Grace Kulawczyk

Minutes of April 13, 2016 approved. Motion to accept by Maggie. Seconded by Bea

Formation: On Saturday, October 22, 2016, there will be a Central/North "Morning of Enrichment for Catechists & Adults" at St Martin de Porres. Chris Cabe will lead one of the workshop topics.

Ongoing Business:

- ! Recruitment: Pamphlet and T-Shirt updates: no further development
- ! Book Club – "Rediscover Jesus" and "Beautiful Mercy" – positive feedback. We are in need of a person to oversee the "Martin's Readers Book Club". Possible future book titles to be discussed at October meeting. Reach out to avid readers through church bulletin.
- ! Outing – May 11, 2016 trip – St Aloysius / Slows Barbeque: There was no Mass at church. But a prayer service was led. – Restaurant adventure was good.
- ! Bible Study continues with Jack Dalzotta. It is recommended that parishioners are made aware that this is an ongoing study. All are invited!
- ! Traveling Holy Family: This ongoing event, from October through March, will begin the last Sunday in October, the 29th. Chris will prepare a letter for Christian Formation Families. She will enlist the families to sign up to take part in the event. [Note: The Traveling Holy Family box, which goes home with a family, will contain prayers, words of encouragement to strengthen the family and more. The family is encouraged to pray together!]

New Business:

- ! Next EC outing: Maggie will look into a future excursion. Chris will gather information for the Holocaust Center as a possible trip.
- ! Adult Formation: "The Bible Timeline" series has been purchased for the upcoming year
- ! Family Focus on Worship – *Ideas:*
 - "How can we bring the children, the parents to the Faith?"**
 - a) Parent/Child Altar Server Teams – to be discussed with Fr. Nick and Sr. Pat.
 - b) Intro to Altar Serving and/or Children's Choir: invite current altar servers and/or choir members to speak about the way they serve the Church. They might do this after their weekly Gospel time during Christian Formation classes
 - c) Reserve Pews: Invite families with young children to sit in the front pews. Chris has a notecard from a church in the upper peninsula. The notecard invites families to sit closer. The feedback at the parish has been very good.

St. Martin de Porres Education Commission Meeting
MINUTES of September 14, 2016

Family Focus on Worship – objective for the year (cont'd).

d) Continue Children's Mass during the summer months.

e) Creative ways to involve the family

“What's in your Bag?” Distribute brown paper bags to the CF families. Each time a bag is given, it will contain “Food for Thought”, activities.

! Ministry Fair and Mentoring Program – tabled until next month

Closing Prayer_

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 1:30 pm Opening Prayer: Bea

Submitted by:

Zora Dziurman

ST. MARTIN de PORRES
WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES
September 20, 2016
Parish Center Conference Room

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Sister Pat at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Nick, Cindy Cairns, Jerry Cipkowski, Diane Budzinski, Dorothy Moon, Jim Hostnik, Sue Kochanowicz, John McGovern , Mary Alyce Gaffke and Sr. Pat.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Deacon Marion, Kathy Groth, Dan Mamuyac, Mike Garcia, Pat Kaczmarek

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: Approved

ONGOING EDUCATION AND FORMATION OF THE COMMISSION:

Go and Make Disciples – Part Six– Goal 3

ONGOING PARISH LIFE

a. Old Business

1. We reviewed the guidelines from the Archdiocese of Detroit about the role of the worship commission. It is advisory to the pastor in assessing the worshiping needs of the parish, in evaluating the practices, in recommending liturgical education opportunities and in setting goals which help the parish see the connection between worship and daily Christian living. The commission is also accountable for aiding the larger community to understand when changes are made and to help achieve the ultimate goal and nature of the Church which is to be that place where all ages and groups can finally meet and discover and celebrate their unity in the one Lord.
2. The K of C traveling icon of the Holy Family was at St. Martin's from Sept. 14th until Sept. 18th. A special prayer service was held on Sunday, Sept 18th from 9:45-10:15 AM and was attended by about 40 people.
3. The Parish Pictorial Directory will be done by Lifetouch. A committee planning meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21st with the Lifetouch representative. Pictures will be taken from Nov. 16-26 and should be available in time for Christmas.
4. Diane Budzinski (one of our "missionaries" to Kentucky) gave us an informative and enlightening report of their mission trip. She said that from the start they were told to "look beyond the circumstances". The friendliness of the people, their gratefulness & their value of family were very evident. The team's time of prayer and faith sharing was a real plus. It was a wonderful experience and highly recommended.

Comments were made following Diane's presentation that the Prayer Clock was a vital part in helping those here to connect with the missionaries and that our website had double the visitors that week to read the daily reports sent from Kentucky.

b. New Business

1. The ushers have revised their guidelines and procedures and put them into a new handbook.
2. The Mercy in Action Day will take place on October 1st. Here at St. Martin's we will be collecting medical equipment.

3. On October 9th at 4:00 PM an organ concert will be given by Dr. Anita Werling. She is an accomplished musician and was an instructor of John McGovern.
4. On October 15th from 10 AM until 1:30 PM a Ladies Retreat will be held in the Parish Center. The theme is how to be **S**piritually **P**repared **A**lways (SPA) and the guest speaker will be Kathleen Lindemann.
5. Our third annual Rosary Rally will be held in front of the Church beginning at 2:00 PM. We hope to have a large group of people to participate in this and pray for peace.
6. The topic of silence in church before and after Mass was brought up. People who come early because they would like some quiet time to pray before Mass have a right to expect a quiet and prayerful atmosphere. However, since coming together to celebrate as a community, we also need to be welcoming and friendly. The consensus seemed to be that quiet friendly greetings to each other in church before Mass begins is acceptable as long as it does not lead to loud and prolonged discussions. It is suggested that a sign be placed above the door reminding people that they are entering into God's Presence and appropriate respect should be shown. Following the Mass there usually is general conversations among the people.
7. A question was asked if the morning rosary before Daily Mass could be moved to after the Mass instead allowing for quiet prayer before Mass begins. It is deemed more feasible to leave it before Mass. It is usually finished with enough time still for quiet prayer.
8. Worship commission members signed up to lead the opening prayer at our meetings.
9. For holiday Masses (such as July 4th, Memorial Day, etc.) we will add 2 more Communion Cups so there will be 2 bowls and 4 cups at the holiday Masses.
10. More people are sitting in the back of the church who need to have Holy Communion brought to them. It appears that most do not take the Precious Blood but it should still be offered. We will ask the EMHCs that when they finish at their station in front of the church and are not needed to help at another station if the line is long, that the bowl minister then go to the back if it looks like help is needed there.
11. The question remains: How do we recruit more High School Altar Servers?
12. We will schedule a weekend in June to acknowledge all High School and College students who are graduating. Details on the day and which Mass or Masses this will be done at will be decided at a later time.

Evaluation of the Meeting: worthwhile, brilliant, energizing

Meeting ended at 8:40 PM

Next Worship Commission Meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, 7:00 PM

Prayer Leader: Dorothy Moon

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

St. Martin de Porres FAM Teen Group Report
September 2016 – October 2016

In September:

- Our first meeting of the fall was on Sunday, September 25. The theme was finding comfort in our faith, and it was our kick-off for the year.
- The six leaders of the group got together to begin monthly formation, prayer, and discussing the following month's activities. On September 11, we will meet to discuss September and October's activities. Generally these will fall on the third Sunday of each month (an off night for the FAM) to discuss the month coming up.
- With Fall Retreat right around the corner, information about the retreat was mailed home to current members at the beginning of the month.

In October:

- On October 4 and 5, a few of us are going to speak to the 8th and 9th grade catechism classes to talk up joining youth group and Fall Retreat
- On October 9, we have our first FAM of the month at 7pm. We are watching *War Room* in preparation for Fall Retreat
- On October 16, the leaders from the three churches are getting together to practice/fine-tune anything they may need practicing and fine-tuning for Fall Retreat.
- On October 16, the leaders of the FAM will meet to discuss November's activities.
- On October 21-23 from 6:30pm(Fri.) to 12:00pm(Sun.), the teens and leaders from St. Martin, St. Malachy, and St. Cornelius are getting together for our annual Fall Retreat at Simpson Park and Campground in Romeo, MI. On top of activities and talks that are directed towards the theme of the weekend, all people in attendance will experience Eucharistic Adoration and celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Mass and Reconciliation. Fr. Nick will be in attendance Saturday morning to help us celebrate Reconciliation.
- On October 30, the FAM is having their Halloween Party at 7pm.