

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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We, the parishioners of St. Martin de Porres of Warren, reflecting the qualities of our patron saint, **strive** to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, **celebrate** the mystery of God's love in our midst, and **serve** one another and the wider human community, thus continuing the Mission of Jesus Christ.

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR, Fr. Nick Zukowski!

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever, Amen! While you go through the pages of this booklet, I hope that you will find something that will spark your curiosity, touch your heart, or move you to make a decision to join us in prayer, ministry and service. The Holy Spirit is alive and well and active at our parish! Because we update this booklet every year, I would like to include what we have been doing over the past several months.

Our Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council have been expanded, an Evangelization Committee is created and the business administration of the parish is improved. We add faith-sharing and ongoing formation topics at each meeting, so that it is not just about agenda items and reports. A rotating music schedule has begun with our adult choir and the contemporary group enhancing our weekend liturgies. We reviewed our procedures and training for altar servers, ushers. Lectors and EMHC's, and revised the way we distribute Communion at Mass.

Last fall, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit participated in a diocesan-wide meeting called a "Synod." Archbishop Vigneron calls us all to a new evangelization, beginning with ourselves, and to move our parishes "from maintenance to mission." A parish dialogue session was held, Come Encounter Christ events and the Amazing Parish Conference all served as preparation for the Synod. A parish mission was held in November of 2015, led by Augustinian Fr. Michael Sullivan. The parish bulletin was expanded and our parish web site was resurrected. Check us out at smdeporres.com!

Our new "Rallying Cry" is found in our parish mission statement: *Strive, Celebrate, Serve*. All of these great things have happened through the blessing and grace of God, the patronage of St. Martin de Porres, and the prayerful and financial support of our parishioners. Thank you for being responsible and generous stewards! As our second fifty years are underway (we are 55 years old this year), we can say this with confidence:

"For all that has been, THANKS; for all that will be, YES!"

Let's catch the Spirit. Let's catch the Fire. Let's catch the Power.

Let's unleash the Gospel!

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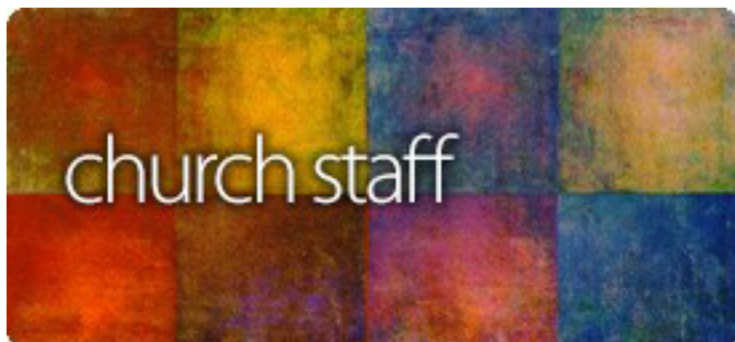
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Welcome to the faith family of
St. Martin de Porres!
We hope that you find yourself at home
within our parish community.

STRIVE † CELEBRATE † SERVE

“But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a disciplinarian. For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:28



CHURCH AT A GLANCE...

Daily Mass

Check the Daily Mass schedule in the bulletin
or on our website: www.smdeporres.com

Saturday Evening Mass

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Rosary / Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesday at 6:25 p.m. followed by 7:00 p.m. Mass

Private Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1st Friday Exposition and Public Adoration

12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. **Benediction** at 3:00 p.m.

Confession / Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.
(or any convenient time for you and Father--
please phone the Parish Office to schedule)

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

(Please check the bulletin or visit our website for Parish Administration Hours)

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HOW Do I Get Involved?

- ✚ Become a Member.
- ✚ Join a Ministry.
- ✚ Volunteer as a parish steward to help out at any of the events held at the parish.
- ✚ Donate resources in any way you can: time, knowledge, supplies, food for the poor, or monetary contributions.
- ✚ Stay up-to-date with current events and news by reading the weekly bulletin and visiting our website.
- ✚ Attend Mass each weekend and join fellow parishioners for monthly coffee and donuts along with Blood Pressure Screening.

BECOMING A MEMBER

It is easy to become a member of St. Martin de Porres Church. Ask for a registration form from the Parish Office or go to our website (www.smdeporres.com) and download, print, and return the completed registration form to the Parish Center Office. Registration shows you belong! It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for tax purposes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

WHO IS ST. MARTIN DE PORRES?

Our parish was established in June 1962 and named after Martin de Porres who was declared a Blessed Servant of God by Pope Gregory XVI in 1837 and was solemnly declared a saint by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962. Our parish, one of the first in the country to be named after him, was founded and began its parish mission that same year

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579. His father was a Spanish Knight and his mother a negro woman and a native of Panama. Despite Martin's father leaving the family shortly after the birth of Martin's younger sister, Martin showed himself to be an exceptional child, especially generous to those even poorer than himself.

When Martin was eight years old, his father returned to Lima, and having heard remarkable reports of his saintly son, he took him to Ecuador and gave him two years of schooling. He then apprenticed him, at the age of twelve, to a barber-surgeon in Lima. This delighted Martin, for now he could learn how to be of practical help to the suffering and afflicted. He applied himself with diligence, and it was not long before Martin had learned the art of medicine as it was practiced in those days. Now he could bring to the poor not only words of comfort and gifts -- he could give them the benefit of his medical knowledge without any fee. Moreover, through his prayers and often miraculous cures, Martin brought the poor to Christ.

At the age of fifteen, Martin entered the Dominican Convent of the Holy Rosary as a Tertiary (Third Order) helper, and, when he was twenty-four, made his religious profession as a Dominican Brother. Martin soon became a model religious. His industry was unflagging; his obedience and humility most sincere; his spirit of penance extraordinary; and, his charity knew no bounds.

This humble man fed hundreds every day in the slums of Peru and distributed funds for various charitable causes -- all made possible by his tireless begging for the poor. Aided by donations from the rich, he bought tracts of land to teach farm cultivation to juvenile delinquents. He founded hospitals and provided homes for shut-ins and the aged, and was responsible for establishing the Holy Cross School and Orphanage in Lima for under-privileged children. His feast day is celebrated throughout the Church on November 3. His symbol in religious art is a flaming torch, a flaming heart, and a dog sitting nearby.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is the leadership body within the parish community and serves as an advisory group to the pastor. Its basic purpose is to set the broad direction for the parish. And to move from the parish from maintenance to ministry. It safeguards and promotes the unity of the parish family. All registered members of the parish are eligible for nomination, and may become council members upon invitation and personal reflection on God's calling.

Each council member services on one of the Commissions as a liaison with the Council. The four Commissions are: Evangelization, Worship, Education/Christian Faith Formation and Christian Service. Parishioners are welcome to join any of the commissions and then join the Parish Pastoral Council.

PPC Meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council is a service group to the parish. It plans, recommends, and, with Parish Pastoral Council approval, implements actions on parish financial support and the effective management and use of parish resources. These resources include parishioners' time, skills/talents, and monies that are raised or offered.

A subgroup of the Parish Finance Council is the Stewardship Awareness Committee. Membership is by invitation of the pastor. The PFC meets quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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The Stewardship Awareness Committee is concerned with three broad areas:

- Education about Stewardship
- Fostering an “Attitude of Gratitude”
- Promoting Sacrificial Giving of Personal and Parish Resources

MINISTRIES UNDER PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

- † Sunday Collection Counting Teams
- † Building and Grounds Maintenance
- † Catholic Services Appeal
- † Stewardship Awareness Committee
- † Parish Online Giving

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

The Evangelization Commission serves as a catalyst for the total evangelizing effort in the parish. The Evangelization Commission works directly with the pastor, pastoral staff, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council and the parish commissions to ensure that evangelization is the parish priority and is integrated into all areas of parish life.

What is Evangelization?

According to the U.S. Bishops, “Evangelizing means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God.” (Go and Make Disciples, 10; cf. *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 18)

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

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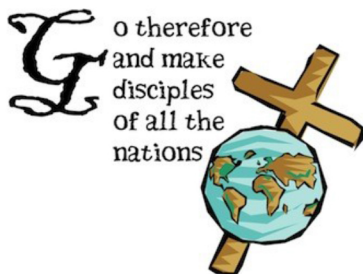
In its broad sense, evangelization is a single, but complex reality of interrelated ecclesial activities encompassing the entire prophetic ministry of the Church that includes, for example, a systematic catechetical instruction. (cf. *EN*, 44) In other words, all that the Church does should touch every aspect of our lives. It also challenges us to constantly learn about and deepen our personal faith in Jesus Christ.

What is the New Evangelization?

The phrase “new evangelization,” made popular by Pope John Paul II, refers to a new effort at a comprehensive proclamation of the Gospel to the baptized that, “have lost a living sense of the faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church, and live a life far removed from Christ and His Gospel.” (*Redemptoris Mission*, 33)

Why does Your Parish Exist? To Evangelize!

It is the task of the Evangelization Commission to find creative ways to deepen our faith and to evangelize ourselves first. This would include bible study, spirituality workshops, retreats, and days of recollection. With this personal formation we can “go and make disciples.” Will you join us? “Come and see!” This commission meets bi-monthly on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.



WORSHIP COMMISSION

The Worship Commission promotes and strengthens the continuing liturgical renewal of the Second Vatican Council. The Worship Commission promotes ongoing education, planning, and evaluation in the areas of the liturgy. The Worship Commission is also involved with liturgical celebrations and is the liaison for relations with other Christian and non-Christian churches and religious bodies.

The Worship Commission collaborates with the other parish Commissions and the Parish Pastoral Council, and the Office of Christian Worship of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It develops and establishes objectives to realize and accomplish parish and Archdiocesan goals and universal ecclesiastical norms in the area of liturgy and parish worship. The Worship Commission proposes and submits its priorities and budget to the Parish Council and develops and oversees the evaluation of its own work as well as that of parish liturgical life.

MINISTRIES UNDER WORSHIP COMMISSION

- ✠ Altar Servers
- ✠ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- ✠ Lectors
- ✠ Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters and Ushers)
- ✠ Music Ministries, which include:
 - Adult Choir
 - Contemporary Choir
 - Children's Choir
 - Hand Bell Choir
 - Resurrection Choir
- ✠ RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

WORSHIP COMMISSION

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The Worship Commission participates in evaluating and making recommendations for the celebration of Baptisms, Funeral Masses and Wake Services, as well as for special celebrations. The three major areas of worship to evaluate and enhance are welcome, homilies, and music. This commission meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Special Celebrations include:

World Marriage Day and Wedding Anniversaries

Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers

Monthly Children's Mass and Quarterly Teen Mass

Advent & Lent Vicariate Reconciliation Services

Sung Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross during Lent

Weekly Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions

Rosary during May and October

First Friday Adoration

Priesthood Sunday

Vocations Awareness Month

May Crowning

Corpus Christi Procession

All liturgical ministers are trained in their particular area of service and some require Archdiocesan certification. There is always a need for more volunteers in each of these ministries.



EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Education Commission provides educational opportunities for parishioners of all ages. It participates in an advisory capacity in the Christian Faith Formation program for the children and youth of the parish. It recommends potential topics of interest for adult faith formation and creates programs to meet those needs. Any adult of the parish may serve on the Education Commission. Members should have an interest in the faith needs of children, youth, and adults and be willing to work to meet those needs. This commission usually meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

Christian Faith Formation serves to guide Catholics in more fully proclaiming Christ as our center and light. By providing guidance, inspiration, and support in our journey with Christ, we inspire Christians to incorporate our faith in all aspects of their daily life.

The Christian Faith Formation process at St. Martin de Porres is open to all children, levels 1 through 12. Our classes begin in September and conclude at the end of April. We welcome children from families of other parishes in the surrounding area. We ask that families be registered at St. Martin de Porres Church, but it is not mandatory.

PROGRAMS UNDER CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

- † Religious Education
- † Children's Liturgy of the Word (11:00 a.m. Mass)
- † Children's Mass
- † Teen Group (F.A.M.)
- † Summer Youth Group
- † Vacation Bible School
- † Level 8 Bible Study "Encounter"

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

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Sacraments through Christian Faith Formation

- ✠ Reconciliation (First Confession)
- ✠ First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)
- ✠ Confirmation

Sacramental preparation takes place at home and during regular class time. We assist parents and guardians as they exercise their role as the first and best educators of their children in faith formation and the practice of the Catholic faith.

Adult Formation

- ✠ Biblical Walk with Mary
- ✠ Laudato Si: Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality
- ✠ Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Other Family Activities

- ✠ Children's Rosary
- ✠ Family Mass
- ✠ Family Fun/Movie Night
- ✠ Tree-Trimming Service

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

The Christian Service Commission exists as a model and resource to enable the entire parish community to put the social teachings of the Church into action in the community and in the world. The Commission creates and/or promotes, at the parish level, programs which strive to address human needs and achieve justice, whether locally or in the broader communities of the Vicariate, Archdiocese, state, nation, or world. This commission meets the last Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

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MINISTRIES UNDER CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

- ✝ Active Christian Women's Club (ACWC)
- ✝ Bereavement Ministry
- ✝ Blood Drives
- ✝ Boy Scouts
- ✝ Clothing and Household Goods Drives
- ✝ Chaplain Services to Local Nursing Homes
- ✝ Communion to the Sick and Homebound
- ✝ Food Collection for the Poor
- ✝ Funeral Brunch
- ✝ Holiday Giving Programs
- ✝ Hospitality--Coffee and Donut Ministry
- ✝ Knights of Columbus
- ✝ Mission Trip to Appalachia
- ✝ Parish Nurse Ministry
- ✝ Right to Life
- ✝ Stephen Ministry
- ✝ Warming Center for the Homeless



We Are a Family Of Believers

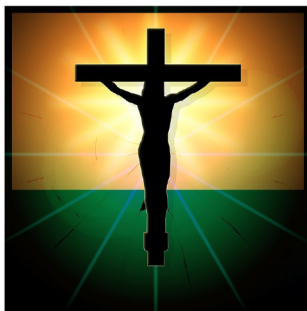
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We hope you find these pages informative as you join the family of St. Martin de Porres. Our intention is to give you a brief overview of our parish community and to share with you the many opportunities in which you may become an active member in sharing the Light of Christ.

For detailed information on events in our parish community, we offer our weekly parish bulletin, along with our parish

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