

"I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."
John 13:34

Ministries Under Development

Help Wanted

- Welcome Committee Members
- Hall of Founders & Parish History Committee
- Auction Committee Members - Contact Becky Monceaux 274-5451
- RCIA for Children
- Celebration Day
- Parish Picnic - Contact Becky Monceaux 274-5451



MINISTRY HANDBOOK

"Put your gifts at the service of one another..."
Peter 4:10



"For the son of man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give His life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45



St. Martin

— de Porres —

CATHOLIC CHURCH

By God's Grace...For God's Glory

“...for the one who uses well what is given,
shall be given more and shall have
abundance...”

Matthew 25:29



Dear Parishioners:

I am filled with great hope and joyful expectation for a spectacular blossoming of the faith life in the parishioners of St Martin de Porres Catholic Church. You are our church's greatest gift and, as a child of God, you are also God's greatest treasure.

In an effort to embrace the dignity of you as gift and treasure, I invite you to reflect upon the unique way God has created you and continues to call forth that creation through an active relationship as you consider the following:

- your way of communicating with God through prayer
- your way of serving God through active ministry
- your way of thanking God through intentional financial offerings.

GOD has made a Covenant with YOU !

- to never leave you.....to always love you
- to never forget you.....to always forgive you
- to never abandon you.....to always bless you

Trusting in the Covenant of God, what is your response? What is your Covenant with God? I ask you to carefully read this brochure, deeply reflect upon its contents, and follow the instructions inviting you to prayerfully and intentionally make your Covenant with God through a Covenant of Prayer, a Covenant of Ministry and a Covenant of Finance, to be offered in the Arc of the Covenant.

I have planted the seed of hope again and I ask you to join me by being living water and living light that will bring the nourishment we need to make St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church a faith home that will flourish and grow generations of God's People. Indeed, a faith community where we can love together and share together all for the Glory of God and to further God's Kingdom on Earth.

May the peace of Christ be with you always and abundantly bless your gift and treasure of life.

Your Faithful Steward,

Fr. Keith A. Pellerin
Pastor

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one
these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

Outreach Ministries

Abraham's Tent – A group of parishioners who volunteer at Abraham's Tent to minister to others by preparing and serving meals for the needy each last Friday of the month from 8:30am - 12:30pm. Jenifer Babin 529-7390

Bereavement Rosary Group - Shares their time and faith along with other group members, by facilitating the praying of the rosary with those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, while helping to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere at the funeral home. Susan Haney 479-1105

Grief Support Group – Serves to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for those who are in need of consolation and comfort with the loss of a loved one. This ministry may include hospice situations, following up contact with family, and facilitating video or audio parish bereavement seminars to aid in the grieving process. These processes included death, divorce, loss of job or home and more. Debbie Bruney - 478-9602

Feast of Consolation Committee – Provides support for parish families experiencing the death of a loved one, by providing home cooked meals for up to 50 people. Volunteers may help as much or little as they desire. Paul or Gwen Jones 477-8565 or call the office at 478-3845.

Prayer Blanket Ministry/Minister to the Sick - This ministry involves the making of lap-size blankets that are given to many people who are either sick or going through extremely difficult times in their lives. Unfortunately many are terminally ill, including small children. Caring volunteers commit to praying for the recipients of the blankets as they are fulfilling their part in the making of the blanket, and also checking on people that are on the sick list by a telephone call. Audrey Champagne 478-1704

Homebound Ministers of Communion - one who serves the faith community by assisting the priest with administering the Eucharist to Homebound parishioners or to those parishioners in hospitals, assisted living or nursing facilities. Claby Mere 477-9924

Manna Ministry – An ecumenical outreach ministry with area Churches (St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, St Luke Simpson United Methodist Church, Trinity Baptist Church and Lakewood Bible Fellowship) to minister to others through a food pantry on Wednesday's at St. Luke Simpson Methodist Church, from 9-11am, as well as providing some assistance with utilities, rent, medicine, etc. Donna Lechtenberg – 478-1803

SMdP Outreach - one who serves the faith community by helping the pastor assess the needs of those who are seeking assistance with food, clothing and medical care, as well as monetary obligations. Debbie Stewart – 479-1376 and Debbie Perry –478-2080

Recovery Group - "Chance to Live" recovery group meets in the Granger/Vincent meeting room every Friday night from 6:00-7:00 PM. The meeting practices the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions of both the AA and NA programs. It is open to all who have a drug and/or alcohol problem and seek to recover in an anonymous setting. Margie Heard (337) 304-6688

Al-Anon Group - An international "fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems." They "help families of alcoholics by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic." This group meets every Thursday from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Granger/Vincent – North meeting room. There is no registration necessary your privacy and anonymity will be respected. Call the SMdP Office for more information on this group.



"Let us greet him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out our psalms."
Psalms 95:2

Liturgical and Music Ministries

Altar Servers - Boys and girls, ages 10-99, who serve at the altar during Mass to assist the priest and the assembly at worship and prayer (Mass, Funerals, Weddings). David Ieyoub 474-7808 and Jeff Armentor 474-6108

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Serve the faith community by assisting the priest with administering the Eucharist at Mass.
Donald & Shively Verrette 474-5529 and Caren Dore 478-0718

Lectors - Serve as a proclaimer of God's Word when the faith community gathers for worship and prayer (Mass, Funerals, Weddings). Lilly Vincent 477-1266, Barbara Diamond 802-6970, and Carol Bertrand 478-0761

Music Ministry - Shares their gifts and talents of voice and/or musical instrument that serves to enable and support the assembly gathered for worship and prayer. One can also train to become a cantor for singing the Psalms and serving as song leader for prayer and worship. Choir Director - Carie Barnes 626-0584

Sacristans - Serve the parish by assisting in the altar preparations for Mass, the general maintenance of sacred vessels, liturgical vestments, altar candles and altar linens. Peggy Trahan 474-5797

Liturgical Committee - Serves the parish by sharing their gifts and talents in the Church's liturgy through study, reflection and planning for various liturgical seasons to create appropriate environments, rituals, music, and celebrations of prayer and worship. Joycelyn Bahnsen 515-3292 and Becky Monceaux

Ushers and Hospitality Ministry - Serve the parish assembly by: preparations for worship and prayer; greeting and welcoming people, helping people with seating; recruiting others to help with offertory; helping with the preparation of gifts (Offertory); while maintaining security; assisting assembly with parish facilities or special needs; assisting the priest with maintaining order; respect and reverence within the church; helping the assembly with departure and distributing parish bulletins/hand-outs; and ensuring the pews and hymnal racks are orderly for the next Mass. Hilton Bellow 478-4639 and Frank Strega 474-1308



St. Martin de Porres Parish Covenant

In the spirit of our mission statement

**"A diverse family, united by faith,
reflecting God's love as a community of service",**
*each one of us inherits the Parish of St. Martin de Porres.
As God offered a covenant to the People of Israel;
we enter into this Covenant with all parishioners.*

We will:

- Celebrate diversity within the faith family of St. Martin de Porres.
- Promote the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church as we are "united by faith".
- Foster a holy environment designed to "Reflect God's love".
- Nurture all God given strengths and talents as a "Community of service".

Rev. Keith A. Pellerin, Pastor

Parishioners will:

- Participate in the faith nourishing activities of our diverse parish family.
- Strive to be united by faith through the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Participate with my fellow parishioners in our spiritual journey to reflect God's Love.
- Live my strengths in this community of service that utilize my God given talents to the fullest.

Signature

Print Name

Date



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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Name _____

As a registered parishioner, my family an/or I make the following stewardship commitments to live our/my covenant.

TIME

Stewardship of Prayer... Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. I would like to spend time in prayer to foster my relationship with God and God's People by the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Mass every Sunday & Holy Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Read the Bible each week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend weekday Mass at least once per week | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray the Rosary at least once per week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spend time each day in personal prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to confession regularly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray together with my family | <input type="checkbox"/> Invite someone to Mass |

TALENT

Stewardship of Ministry... After reflecting upon the Covenant Handbook and making a prayerful discernment of ministries:

☐ I commit my strength and talent to begin to serve my community through the parish ministries indicated: _____

☐ I commit to continuing support of my current ministries in the following areas: _____

TREASURE

Stewardship of Finance... After prayerfully considering the stewardship of treasure, I will support my parish community financially by giving a percentage of my income based on the biblical tithe as my offering to God:

- ☐ 10% to St. Martin de Porres
- ☐ 5% to St. Martin de Porres
- ☐ 2 ½% to the Debt Reduction/Building Fund
- ☐ 2 ½% to the Diocesan BSA and/or 2nd collections
- ☐ Utilize the weekly offering envelopes to receive an annual Contribution Statement.

Please add any comments you wish about you and/or your family's participation at St. Martin de Porres.

"All your children shall be taught by the Lord,
and great shall be the peace of your children."
Isaiah 54:13

Religious Education of Children & Youth Ministries

For more information on the following ministries, please contact Denise Donahoe, Director of Religious Education for St. Martin de Porres – 478-3845 or religioused@smdpcatholic.com

Religious Education for Youth – Adults who share their gifts in providing religious education in the following way:

Children's Church Catechists – sent forth with young children during Mass and teaches them about the Sunday Readings and about our faith for children who are (potty trained thru 1st grade).

Catechists - teaches our Catholic faith to the youth. A catechist can teach alone or team to teach with another catechist.

Catechist Aide- assists the catechist with roll, activities, classroom management, discipline, etc.

Administrative Staff Volunteer - helps maintain attendance records, calls parents with religious education information, copies handouts for catechists, etc.

Religious Education Support Committee

- plans ways to assist and support our catechetical team, including assembling supplies, activities, and developing crafts for particular lessons or retreats

Drop Off/Pick Up and Security Volunteer

- helps students in and out of cars before and after class and monitors the parking lots and pick-up areas before, during, and after class

Security Coordinators - sets up yearly roster of volunteers for drop-off/pick-up and security and calls each week to confirm their presence

Youth Group Ministry - Serves in the ministry of providing quality Catholic Christian youth programs for Jr. high and high school age students of our parish faith community. One may serve as a coordinator of various events or groups, a chaperone, an assistant, or a sponsor to support youth activities in the parish and in the diocese. Youth Directors - Mark Deroche 405-8021 or Lyndsey LeBlanc 912-5446 or st.martinyouth@yahoo.com



"The greatest among you must be your servant."

Matthew 23:11

Adult Education & Formation

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for St. Martin de Porres – 478-3845 religioused@smdpcatholic.com

A team of those who desire to share their gifts in the area of ongoing
adult catechism through coordinating programs, topic speakers,
and/or periodic lecture series to be hosted in our parish.

Religious Education Ministries includes the following:

Parish Missions
Topic Speakers and Lector Series
Bible study, which includes Come, Lord Jesus!
Days and Evenings of Reflection
Retreats
Marriage Preparation
Marriage Enrichment
Ecumenical Events

Come, Lord Jesus! - An active Catholic scripture study. Small groups meet weekly in homes to learn more about their Catholic faith, as practiced by the early Church (Acts 2:42). Through prayerful scripture study, centered on the Sunday readings, we learn different kinds of prayer and explore how community and contemplative prayer can fit into our daily lives. Members learn to be witnesses for Catholic beliefs, put their faith into action and develop spiritual friendships. Donna Lechtenberg 474-1803

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Team members, who are dedicated to the church's way, help form new disciples of Jesus Christ. Candidates who desire to experience ongoing conversion to a new way of life in Christ are taught to embrace the sacramental life based on scripture and traditions of the Catholic church. Team members may serve as catechists, coordinators of various aspects of the initiation process, sponsors/mentors, hospitality assistants, and liturgical assistants. Every baptized parishioner has a role in the initiation of new disciples who seek full communion with the Catholic faith community. Yvette Ware 802-7324

Adult Catechists - Those who are gifted as teachers (providing information) while weaving the gift of sharing the journey of faith in God (open to being formed). This ministry could be shared in various ways: RE (Religious Education) for catechism with children, RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) with adults, adult formation programs like Bible study facilitators, adult catechism leaders, giving talks, teachings, reflections, articles on various teachings of the church with faith experiences.

Scripture Reflection Groups (men and women or children) - These groups gather weekly to drink coffee and study the coming Sunday's scripture readings and reflect on its meaning. Women meet at 6:00am on Wednesday
Men meet at 6:00am on Friday
All are welcome.

Bible Study- Parishioners who gather weekly in small groups who desire to dedicate time, study, reflection and prayer with the sacred scriptures that are proclaimed in the Sunday liturgy (Mass). An overall coordinator will help organize and train facilitators for each group as well as help organize hospitality, resources, programs, and large group conferences and retreats.

Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couple – Share their journey of sacramental living as a covenant with engaged couples while they are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Trained couples assist the pastor in helping to prepare engaged couples to embrace and live their vocation as Covenant and Sacrament of marriage.

*"Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."*

Matthew 5:16

Administrative Ministries

Information about the following ministries can be found
by calling the parish office at 478-3845

Building Commission - Works with the pastor and outside professionals to implement planning, scheduling, contracting and execution strategies necessary for the successful completion of various building and maintenance related projects.

Capital Campaign Committee - Works with the pastor and the Finance Council in creating various strategies to effectively fund all aspects of our capital building projects.

Stewardship Committee – Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something trusted to one's care. This committee promotes the mission of our parish by fostering stewardship as a way of life within all aspects of our church community. We are called to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasures.

Finance Council - Provides advice and recommendations to the pastor concerning the stewardship of the parish's fiscal and temporal resources, including conducting long range financial planning to support the mission of the parish.

Pastoral Council - Helps to develop the parish ministry strategic plan while offering recommendations to the pastor on parish matters. Council members are elected by the parishioners for specific term limits.

Facility Maintenance Volunteers - Volunteers maintain and beautify our parish campus by working in organized groups on specific projects such as landscaping, parish cleanup days, and interior/exterior painting. Current groups include: garden club, church maintenance.



"In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'."
Acts 20:35

Community Life & Catholic Spirituality

A.C.T.S. - The ACTS retreat focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. Retreatants are guided on a 3-day weekend retreat developed to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, renew your spirituality, give new meaning to prayer life and Sunday worship and help build lasting friendships. The retreat is presented by trained ACTS parishioners of St. Martin de Porres. For more information, call the office at 478-3845.

Living Your Strengths - A process whereby individuals discover their top five God-given strengths through the Clifton Strengths finder assessment by the Gallup organization (religion division). Individuals continue to explore and develop talents and strengths through small group sessions or have the opportunity to meet with strengths coaches to delve deeper into understanding one's strengths and embracing them daily. Ellen Pappania 302-1815 or Cheree Burnette 794-5156

Social Committee - One who serves the faith community by assisting with the planning and preparing of social activities such as special receptions, parish covered dish dinners, parish picnics, etc. Lynn Miller 478-8285

Spiritual Direction - Trained directors walk with individuals as they deepen their spiritual lives, helping them pay attention to the presence and action of God in their lives. The individual is helped not so much to understand the relationship between him/herself and God, but to engage in it. Gayle Gaudet 513-3740 or Denise Donahoe 478-3845

Rosary Group - This group prays the Rosary every Thursday and Friday before Masses and assists with Rosary month, praying 30 minutes before every Mass in May and October. This group also assists with rosaries at funeral services. Susan Haney 479-1105

Welcoming Committee - Serves the parish by sharing their gifts and talents as they welcome new parishioners and provide information about the parish and the ministries available. Donnie Kron 474-6651, Becky Monceaux 478-2038, Mark Castille 478-7425

Supper Club - Catholic couples and singles enjoying an evening together, combining current parishioners with new ones to provide networking opportunities. It's a great way to get to know new people. Donna Lechtenberg 474-1803

St Martin de Porres Garden Committee - This ministry involves serving the faith community by working with others who have an interest and love for gardening as they plant and maintain the various gardens located around the church properties. Ellen Carter 474-9159

Singles Group - A group of single Catholics looking to meet like-minded individuals, while participating in healthy religious and social activities

Centering Prayer - a method of prayer designed to help develop a closer relationship with God by enabling us to come to a place of "Resting in God". The source of Centering Prayer is the Indwelling Trinity. Gayle Gaudet 337-513-3740

Catholic Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus - a fraternal organization for Catholic men as they coordinate social gatherings in the parish and charitable projects in the community. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m. at the Chapel Church meeting room-south. Louis Gaudet 377-6148

Knights of St. Peter Claver - Participates collectively in various parish and community activities, promotes civic improvements, encourages lay apostolic and Catholic action, makes contributions to worthwhile causes, especially Sickle Cell Anemia, awards scholarships, and develops youth programs that model and enable Catholic christian morals and values. Donald Higgins 474-2182

Ladies Auxillary of St. Peter Claver - Follows the same objectives as the Knights of St. Peter Claver, as well as many programs that include educational, recreational and religious activities or Women of the Americas. Tina Higgins 480-1521

Catholic Daughters - The largest organization of Catholic women in the Americas. They donate to charities, administer scholarship programs, and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness". Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month in the Granger/Vincent Annex at 7:00 p.m. Gayle Gaudet 513-3740

St Martin de Porres Parish Altar Society - Primary goals include: fostering love for the house of God; labor for its proper adornment

and cleanliness; take care of the immediate needs of the altar; supply the needs of the sacristy and render assistance towards proper fulfillment of the rubrics (liturgical services), when necessary. Any registered parishioner may join the Altar Society, men and women. Goals include: providing hosts and wine for Mass; altar candles and sanctuary candles; altar linens and cloths; and maintaining the appearance and orderliness of our worship space. Diane Bono 477-3460

