

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

Our Mission Statement

We the people of Saint Martin de Porres Parish have come together as a Community of Believers to profess our faith by evangelizing ourselves, others and fostering full participation in the concern for the needs of all. We strive to bring faith, hope and love to our Westside Community.

We Profess Our Faith

- When we come together as the people of God, united as one family.
- When we put aside our differences to reach out to one another as Jesus did.
- When we join hands in prayer knowing Jesus is with us.
- When we give witness to our desire to be holy.

We Evangelize

- Through evangelization, in reaching out to others and inviting them to be part of our family of faith.
- Through education and formation, working to bring the values of Jesus to Children and adults of our community.
- Through our personal commitment to Jesus Christ.
- With awareness that we all need to continue to learn and grow as we walk together with our Lord.

We Demonstrate Our Concern for Others

- When we reach out to the sick, lonely, homeless, and the hungry.
- When we stand up in faith, fight and let our voices cry out against crime, drugs and violence in our community.
- When we fight for racial, social and economic injustice.
- When we respect the gift of life that God has given all of us.

Our Identity

- We are Community of Believers who are predominantly African American and growing in diversity.
- We are a Community of faith, hope and love
- We are a People who walk by faith and not by sight
- We are the Disciples of Christ

Our Purpose

- We strive to be a beacon of hope in the West Garfield Park and Austin communities.
- We actively work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to boldly proclaim the gospel values in our society, to deepen our relationship with God and others o stand with, and for the poor and marginalized.
- We are commissioned to make our lives a proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.