

St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2022



Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. Heb 12:1

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**God is good... All the time...
All the time... God is good!**

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Church Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Masses: Sunday: 10:00 am
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

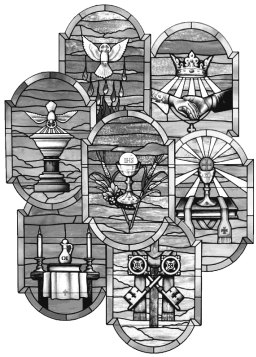
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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Masses: Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: 7:30 a.m.



Sacramental Information

Baptism: Please call the church office for appointment at least two months prior to date. A prep class is required. Parents should contact Deacon William Pouncy.

RCIA: Adults Seeking Baptism and/or Making a Profession in the Catholic Christian Faith should contact Deacon Greg Shumpert.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office before setting your date. The Church asks that couples be parish members for at least 6 months before setting a date. Participation in Pre-Cana and a Premarital Inventory required.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office before going to see a Funeral Director. We will accommodate the needs of your family to help you through the loss and healing.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In/ Anointing of the Sick/ Home Visitation/Receiving Communion at Home: If you or a loved one is in need of a minister from St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres to visit for Communion, Anointing of the Sick or any other pastoral need, please contact the church office as soon as the need arises. Fr. Larry, Fr. Thad or one of the Care Ministers will gladly visit in a time of need.

Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the hospitalized person and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, August 7, 2022

<u>St. Agatha</u>		<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$ 2,343.23	Mass Offering	\$3,608.00
Give Central	<u>1,557.55</u>	Special: Kolbe House	48.00
	\$ 3,900.78	Assumption of Mary	<u>5.00</u>
			\$3661.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE!

Mail in or drop off
your Sunday Tithe or
Call the Parish
Operations Director to
sign up for Give
Central. **Thanks!**



For whom shall we pray... Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Ted Bergh, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Christopher Browne, Melvin Clark, Sandra Coffey, Ernestine Cottrell, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Daves, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Hildred Fuller, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shirley Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Stan Gruszczycki, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Johnny Harris, Lejerrion Harris, Leutrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Lucy Henry, Veronica Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Yvonne Gibson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Sr., Julius Jones, Jacqueline Kelly, Laurita Lockhart, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, John Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Sofia McFarland, Robert McGee, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Josh Morrow, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Mariano Palacios, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Essie Pledage, Queenie Randle, Elberta Raschke, Lucy Redmond, Imogene Rhodes, Marvin Register, Phyllis Riley, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Rosa Solano, Brenda D. Taylor, Clarice Thomas, Michael Triplett Sr., Terri Triplett, Deano Tretter, Joseph Tretter Sr, Charese Troupe, Clarence Walker, Shirley West, Walter Whitlow, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy.

From the Desk of Fr. Larry...

My brothers and sisters, I want to begin this reflection by quoting the invitation of St. Paul to us this Sunday: *Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.* (Hebrews 12:1-2) I am always encouraged by the knowledge that there is a great cloud of witnesses, the Communion of Saints, always praying for us and urging us on. This knowledge of their presence with us as part of our congregations at every Mass reassures me that a multitude of prayers are being prayed for all of us as we seek to live our lives faithfully that we may join them one day in the joy of eternal, ever life-giving love.

But as we all well know not everyone is wholly committed to the discipleship and servanthood that the Lord asks of each and all of us. Our society has promoted division in a multitude of ways, always to serve the egos, the craving for power, prestige and material wealth, the need to feel superior to others, the need to cling to the past and not be open to an even more promising future for ourselves and our descendants.

This division has never been so evident as in our politics. Since 9/11 political forces have played on the fears of all of us to truly divide us, even within our families. I can personally attest to this. So when Jesus says he came to sow division, it was to let his disciples know that his message and lived example of selfless love, especially for the poor and all those marginalized in our society, would challenge those who sought to preserve their power and those who could not fathom or who never experienced unconditional love.

We know in our hearts that this sort of selfless love challenges us, especially when we choose doing selfish or hurtful things to others. Therefore, we need to honestly look at the divisions within ourselves. In order to address the divisions in our society, we must at the same time address the divisions within us individually. We need to ask the question: What attitudes, behaviors do I cling to that prevent me from offering my gifts of time, talent and treasure for the good of my family, friends, fellow parishioners, the poor and needy?

The divisions that limit our living true discipleship in Jesus Christ are often within us! Jesus himself offers us all we need to bridge and heal those divisions. He then offers us all we need to bridge and heal the divisions in our families and communities. The key is our acknowledgment of those divisions and the sincere pursuit of healing and wholeness in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. **Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**+++ Parish Picnic Hosted by
St. Martin de Porres Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022
1:00 pm, 1798 Thatcher Ave, River Grove, IL**

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+++ Back-to-School Boulevard Mass and Picnic Sunday, August 21 10:00 a.m. on Douglas Blvd at Kedzie

**Black Catholic Deacons
SUNRISE PRAYER SERVICE
Sat., Aug. 27- 6:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.
Oakwood Beach
4100 S. Lake Shore Drive**

**Next Sunday August 21
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Isaiah 66: 18 - 21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13: 22-30**



**A Special Note
from
Kolbe House**

This weekend we celebrate the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan priest who was

imprisoned and executed at Auschwitz in 1941. His presence brought peace and hope to the other prisoners as he ministered to them and prayed with them. He voluntarily offered his life so that a complete stranger, a man with a wife and children, could live.

Among his words of counsel to other prisoners was the phrase, "Love alone creates." At Kolbe House, we lift these words as a guiding light amidst a prison system often devoid of love. We know that hatred and revenge destroy us, while love creates healing, reconciliation, and communion.

Through our ministries inside Cook County jail, writing letters to Illinois prisons, and walking alongside families and individuals recently released from incarceration, we strive to bear witness to God's presence there and, through our encounters, allow God's love to multiply.

Without your parish's generous, faithful support of our ministry, this work would not be possible. We are so grateful for your confidence and we commit to working together to build communities of peace, hope, and reconciliation.

Thank you!

**A Slave to True Freedom
in God's Love
(a prayer in the spirit of
Blessed Augustus Tolton)**



**Gracious God, God of Moses,
of Harriet Tubman, God of salvation
found in Jesus Christ:**

**In true freedom you call me daily,
in each moment, in every breath,
to surrender to the transformative
and empowering gift of Your all-
embracing, ever life-giving love.**

**Lord, release me from
my enslavement
to ego, to the need for control,
to unforgiveness and hatred,
to apathy and indifference,
to prestige and power-over,
to prejudice, racism, and sexism,
to fear of speaking truth to power.**

**Center me, ground me, root me
in humble and generous
servanthood to Your gracious will.
Send me forth to minister where I am
needed; and, when I find myself
wanting, allow me to humbly invite
and accept the ministry of others.**

**May my every word,
my every action this day
be worthy of Your blessing.
Loving God, let it be so! Amen!**

Fr. Larry Dowling

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union

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10:30 -1:30p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information

Contact the Parish Office

Charitable Hands Ministry

Deacon William Pouncy and Elizabeth Becnel
Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

**Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, August 14, 2022**

Anthony Wallin from Linda Wallin
Diane Casaccio from Linda Wallin
Margaret McMickels from St. Martin de Porres
In Memory of Marian McCurry 70th Birthday

We encourage our parishioners to pray for
their loved ones, living and
deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.
Donation for Mass is \$10.00.