ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Epiphany Sunday
January 8, 2017

Lord, every nation on Earth will adore You.

Our Parish Mission & Vision

St. Martin de Porres is a Stewardship and Hospitality parish. As Catholic Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, we are Christ's disciples dedicated to faith formation, worship, community life, and service. All are welcome as we use our unique gifts to serve the world as a visible sign of God's love.

Masses
Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 7:15 AM,
8:45 AM, 10:30 AM,
12:15 PM, 5:30 PM

Children's Liturgy
of the Word During:
8:45 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses
8:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Saturdays 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesdays 7:15 PM,
Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
24 Hours a Day, 7 Days

Clergy
Pastor: Fr. Sy Nguyen
Parochial Vicar:
Fr. Jeff Droessler
Parish Director/Deacon:
Denis Zaun
Deacon: Nick Sherg

Parish Office
Open: Monday - Thursday:
8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
(Closed Noon to 1:00 PM)
Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Phone: 714-970-2771
Fax: 714-970-5654
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19767 Yorba Linda Bl.,
Yorba Linda, CA

Faith Formation

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
YOUTH MINISTRY
YORBA LINDA, CA

"Youth Ministry has inspired me to help more around my community and grow closer to a few people I never thought I would grow close to. My leaders have been an inspiration and I'm so happy to be involved with Youth Ministry at St. Martins!" Isabella Tejeda, Freshman - Rosary Academy

Middle School Nights
January 9th--Safety Training
(Open to all 6th-8th graders)

High School Nights
January 8th and 22nd
(Open to all High School Students)

Middle School First Eucharist
January 8th--Safety Training

Confirmation 1
January 17th at 7pm

Confirmation 2
January 10th at 7pm

For more information:
Gerardo Butalid, Youth Minister
gerardob@smdpyl.org
Mary McDevitt, Assistant
Marym@smdpyl.org
Katie Castillo, Assistant
katiec@smdpyl.org

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

For more info contact Cathy Fitzpatrick Children's Faith Formation Coordinator at: cathyf@smdpyl.org

Blessings on this Holy Feast of Epiphany of the Lord. What gifts are you bringing the King of Kings? Remember Wise Men Still Seek Him. As we close our Christmas Season & return to Ordinary Time, please mark your calendars!

Eucharist 1: Monday, January 9, Chapters 6 & 7 Church Year & Ordinary Time
Eucharist 2: Tuesday, January 10, Chapter 6 Celebrating God's Love
Kids of the Kingdom: Wednesday, January 11 Chapter 7, Receive the Holy Spirit
Eucharist 1: Parent Catechesis 5:15 PM: Monday, January 9 Baptism & Salvation w/ Fr Tom
Eucharist 2: Parent Catechesis 4 PM, Tuesday, January 17 Baptism & Salvation w/ Fr Tom
Eucharist 2: Parent Catechesis 5:15 PM, Tuesday, January 24, Baptism & Salvation w/ Fr Tom

CHILDCARE & SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL

Contact: Shannon Russo at shannonr@smdpyl.org

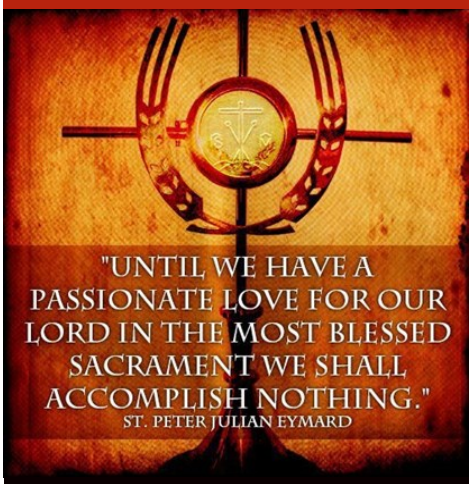
Sunday Childcare Volunteers: Still Greatly Needed We need your help with these fun & faith-filled programs. Please complete volunteer form in parish office to begin process. Any questions, contact the parish office or coordinator Shannon Russo at shannonr@smdpyl.org
Sunday Childcare: Childcare is available for children 9 months-2 years olds during the 8:45 & 10:30 A.M Sunday Masses. Registration forms are on website at www.smdpyl.org or contact Shannon Russo at shannonr@smdpyl.org
Sunday Preschool: Classes for 3-5 year olds are currently full.
Sunday Kindergarten Class: LAST CALL to REGISTER for 5-6 year olds in parish office or St. Matthew Room by 10:15 AM on Sunday Jan 8 or 15 prior to class. Registration closes Jan 15.

Questions About the Catholic Church?

Are you a non-Catholic who is curious about Jesus Christ and his Church? Visit our website at www.smdpyl.org/becoming-catholic to provide us with your contact information or contact Jon Sudduth at jsudduth21@gmail.com.

Worship

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
New Year's Resolutions?



Write to adoration@smdpyl.org or call (657) 888-4631 or to schedule your special hour with our Lord.

Mass for the Protection of the Unborn Children

Monday, January 23, 2017-7:00 p.m.

Commemorating the 44th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Bishop Vann invites our Catholic community as well as all people of good will to join together in prayer for an end to abortion, healing for those involved in abortion, and an increased respect for all human life. Come pray for an end to abortion with members of clergy, members of religious communities, representatives from all parishes and centers in Orange County. Principal Celebrant: Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann. Christ Cathedral Arboretum 13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove. We will hear compelling witness stories and honor Sally Sullivan, Founder of Casa Teresa. Reception & Ministry Fair to follow in the Large Gallery. Sponsored by the Office of Life, Justice & Peace of the Diocese of Orange For more information or questions, contact Ana Olivo at 714-282-6029, aolivo@rcbo.org.

Faith Formation

Seeking to Become Fully Initiated into the Catholic Faith?

Adult Confirmation Sessions Start January 26

- Already baptized, attending mass and receiving the Eucharist
- Want to find out more about the Catholic Church, beliefs & teachings
- An adult, 18 years or older

Then the Adult Confirmations Program may be for you . . .

Next Steps: visit the parish web site for more information at smdpyl.org under Religious Education/Adults/Adult Conformation. Hope to see you there!

Ephesians – Discover Your Inheritance

An Engaging 9 Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

Join us for Jeff's newest DVD series that focuses on living out your faith through Pauls' inspired words in the book of Ephesians

Save the dates February 1 – April 5
Wednesday nights (7:15-8:45pm) *St. Elizabeth room*
Facilitated by parishioner Tom Massoth

To sign up, use the hyperlink on the parish website: http://smdpyl.org/bible-studies.

Come and learn about the amazing plan God's has for your life…
Questions? write garyp@smdpyl.org
A link to a compelling on-line preview of this study is on the above parish website.

WINGS Winter Studies: Acts: The Good News of the Holy Spirit

WINGS—Women In God's Spirit—one of the oldest and strongest women's groups in the diocese, will meet on **Wednesday, January 11** from 9 to 11 a.m. in the St. Martin de Porres Parish Hall, to begin our Winter Season. WINGS includes women from many Orange County parishes, in all ages and stages of life. WINGS meets Wednesday mornings, October through May. Membership in WINGS is $45 for the remainder of the 2016-17 year. Free childcare and light refreshments are provided. Registration forms can be found in the Church office, downloaded at smdpyl.org, or you can register at the meeting. Contact WINGS Moderator Becky Curry at wings@smdpyl.org or 714-961-1687 for further information.

Community Life

Small Christian Communities

How often have you thought, or heard someone say, "I always see the same people doing everything at church. Why doesn't someone ask me to participate?"
The answer is very simple: each of us only knows the people whom we have already met, but we don't know all the people whom we have not yet met. **So, we are asking you now!** St. Martin de Porres Catholic Community is in the process of re-forming and expanding our **Small Christian Communities**. We are seeking people like **YOU,** *who are willing to serve as leaders* and be trained as small group facilitators. We will be introducing several new groups in March for Lent 2017. No experience is necessary! You just need to be willing to learn more about our faith by pre-reading the scripture readings for the next Sunday Mass. A small group, of 8-12 fellow parishioners, then gathers together and reflects on those readings in the comfort of a home environment. For more information contact any of the following persons: Mark & Kris Jablonski 714-524-9757 mark.jablonski@stjoe.org . Barry & Kay Wilson 714 970-8810, Cathy Holden 714 914-4663, Carla Cary 714-337-0000.

Save a Life: Donate Blood in Honor of Liz Diggin

Saturday, January 14, 2017
9am to 3pm in the parish hall

Schedule your life saving donation today!
Contact Kelly Blasco via Email: kellyblasco@yahoo.com
Or log onto **www.idonateblood4hope.org** use sponsor code: SMCY
All blood donors will receive a City of Hope gift for their donation.
All walk-ins are welcome.

Deacons of Deanery 2 Christmas Party

Bishop Vann joined the Deacons of Deanery 2 for a Christmas Party while they were entertained by the St. Martin de Porres Young Adult Caroling Team.

Seniority Club News

Happy 2017, Everyone!
Have you ever watched television cooking shows and wondered how some of the popular chefs got their start in this industry? Maybe their interests were encouraged by their moms or grandmas! Or maybe they had the unique opportunity of attending a program that would teach the "art of cooking and baking" from professional chefs/teachers! Please join us on Sunday, January 15 from 2 - 4 pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms for an informative and entertaining presentation from the Orange County School of the Arts, Culinary and Hospitality Program. Some of the culinary students will share their experiences and their cooking skills with our guests! The reward...their delicious chocolate chip cookies!
For information, please contact Irene Gonzalez at (714) 225-3714 or email reina37years@yahoo.com

Home Visit Minister Meeting, January 9th

Friendly reminder to all Home Visitor team members, our feedback meeting is tomorrow night, Monday, January 9, at 7:10pm *(following evening mass)* in the St Matthew room of the Parish Center. Parishioners interested in joining the ministry are also welcome to attend.
Please contact Eldon Dekkenga, (714) 931-4073 for any questions.
See you there!

Service & Outreach

Knights Brunch Next Sunday!

Come join us for breakfast "Knights Style" after 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30am Masses. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, biscuits and gravy and more. Just $8 for Adults and $5 for Kids 6-12. Kids 5 and under are Free! Breakfast Burritos to-go $5 each. This is a great opportunity to be Engaged and involved in the community of St. Martin De Porres. This is your Parish!

Super Bowl Party 2/5

Save the date for the Knights 3rd Annual Super Bowl Party in the Parish Hall Presale Tickets $15 available after Sunday Masses 1/22 and 1/29 Tickets are $20 at the Door

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus e-mail: koc-8238@smdpyl.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Stewardship Sunday— Food Collection Today

Please bring you food items to Mass on today, Jan 7 - 8, Stewardship Weekend. Thank you for your much appreciated generosity throughout the year.

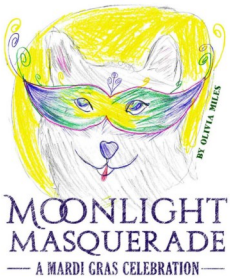
AA Meeting

Hope CHANGES EVERYTHING

If you are struggling with alcohol dependency and don't know where to turn, please feel welcome to attend the 6am Attitude Modification meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Start each day with prayer and a re-dedication to sobriety. Hear how so many others found hope and have had life-changing experiences through the program. The group meets every morning, Including Sundays, in St. Elizabeth room at 6am. Hope to see you there.

Community Life

St. Francis of Assisi CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS



Please save the date for the 2017 St. Francis of Assisi Auction Gala!
Moonlight Masquerade
A Mardi Gras Celebration
Saturday, February 25, 2017

Visit our www.sfayl.org for tickets and additional details!

Our Annual Auction Gala is the largest fundraising event of the year. This exciting affair is open to all school and parish families and has tremendous exposure for your business. In addition to raising money to support our school, the Annual Auction Gala is a great evening of fun and friends.

Please consider attending. If you cannot attend, please consider supporting St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in another way.

St. Martin de Porres Women's Retreat

Friday, April 28-29th, 2017 in the parish hall.
Register between February 12 and April 17th in the parish office or online at www.smdpyl.org
Friday evenings presenter: Fr. Tom Loucks
Saturdays presenter: Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S. Author of God's Healing Mercy and Praying for Priests. She is the cofounder and president of the foundation of Prayer for Priest. She has served in leadership for Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women. In 2013 she became a Spiritual Director for the Pope Leo XIII Institute for priests.

"Thirsting for Prayer"

Attention all Moms!

January MOM's meeting will be Thursday, January 12th at 6:30pm in the Mary and Joseph room. Ministry of Moms will be welcoming Jim Domen as our guest speaker. In today's society Catholic families often face the struggle of how to approach the LGBT culture. Jim will use his story to address this topic. We hope you can join us! Babysitting will be provided.

GRACE Women's Group Invites You to Join Them

GRACE is a ministry open to all women seeking an opportunity to fellowship and connect spiritually with other women. In our 2016/17 season, we will be using two references: *The Holy Year of Mercy: A Faith-Sharing Guide with Reflections by Pope Francis and Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly.* We meet immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass (about 8:45) in the St. Elizabeth Room. For more info please contact Elizabeth Blush at 714.319.1452 or via email at elizabeth.blush@stjoe.org.

Community Life

Newly Weds—December

Pauline & Michael Cruz
Wedding Date: December 2, 2016
Presider: Fr. Sy

Stephanie Teller & Gaurav Parikh
Wedding Date: December 17, 2016
Presider: Fr. Mike Pontarelli

Pro-Life Help Line

www.optionline.org or 800.712.HELP(4357)
Option Line is a 24/7 call center connecting women and men to pro-life medical clinics and pregnancy help centers across the United States and Canada.

Outside the Parish

All 8th Grade Students Applying to Catholic High Schools

Cornelia Connelly School
Lead • Serve • Inspire

Sign up to take the HSPT at Cornelia Connelly School on January 21st, and not only will you be eligible for great scholarships, but you will also be treated to **IN-N-OUT Burger** for lunch that day with all the other 8th graders taking the test at Connelly. To register for the test, please call or email Mrs. Ali Aceituno in the Admissions office at (714) 776-1717 ext. 221 or aaceituno@connellyhs.org. For more information about Cornelia Connelly School, please visit: *connellyschoolanaheim.org*.

Mater Dei Admissions Dates

Information Night: January 12, 2017- 6pm
Entrance Exam: January 21
Athletic Information Night: January 30, - 7pm
Materdei.org/admissions

Camp Agape California is a free 4 day kid's camp for children whose parents are absent from their lives due to incarceration. Our Camp will be held on Memorial Day Weekend May 26th through May 29th at Camp Cedar Crest in the San Bernardino mountains. You can be a hero to a child by simply volunteering to serve at the camp or making a donation of any size. Visit our website at www.CampAgapeCalifornia.com for more information. Thank you for considering helping a child with Camp Agape California.

Thank You from Crittenton Services

Dear Friends of St Martin de Porres,

I always have loved Mother Teresa's words "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." The extraordinary generosity and caring that came from hundreds of open hearts gathered the most fragile and wounded in our community. Nearly 900 Crittenton boys and girls were lifted up not just by the sparkle of the beautiful packages but by the fact that you cared about them. They felt the love of God through your kindness. Person to person.

It is a hopeful and beautiful world with all of you in it. The blessings you showered on our children and families were life-changing and personal. Children struggled to understand the kindness shown to them, wanting nothing in return. Unconditional love is beautiful. All of us at Crittenton, especially the children, thank you for letting them know that they matter. You are a blessing.
Warmly, Pat Williams, Parishioner, President, Kids Matter Auxiliary , Crittenton Services for Children & Families.
(See the complete letter from Crittenton in theSMdP web-bulletin on the website)

Worship

Sacraments/Rites

Anointing of the Sick
Call the Parish Office with your request.
Baptism for Infants
Come to the Parish Office to pick up an information packet (3 months ahead).
Funeral Rite
Call the Parish Office at your earliest convenience after the death of a loved one for our Bereavement services.
Marriage
Call the Parish office for an appointment with a priest/deacon at least six months prior to the planned date of marriage.
Reconciliation
Tuesdays 7:15 PM, Saturdays 4-5 PM

Scripture Reading for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6 -9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Prayers for the Sick

Carl Wieland
Amina Sayes
Joe Abbate
Bill and Sylvia Cobbett
Dorothy Pepin
William Gerard
Thuy Clement
Trang Jackson
Marnie McHenry
Charlie and Peggy Harrington
Adolfo Antonio
Gustavo Guillen
Eleanor Stevens

Wedding Banns

Andy Scacco —-- Michelle White

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7:
8:00 AM (Fr Tom) Danny Dougherty †, Michael Kallal †, Manuel Diaz †
5:30PM (Fr Jeff) Devon Reilly †
Sunday, January 8:
7:15 AM (Fr Jeff) Fr. Ed Broom
8:45 AM (Fr Tom) Hilda Safarik †
10:30 AM (Fr Jeff) Joe Ariey †
12:15 PM (Fr Tom) Natalie Forman Burrel †
5:30 PM (Fr Tom) Jean Gozur †
Monday, January 9:
8:30 AM (Fr Jeff) Cecelia Holguin †
6:30 PM (Fr Tom) Lenny & Nicole Castillo - 24th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday, January 10:
8:00 AM (Fr Jeff) Priest Intention
6:30 PM (Fr Tom) Priest Intention
Wednesday, January 11:
8:00 AM (Fr Jeff) Helen Lozano †
6:30 PM (Fr. Tom) Helen Prunty †
Thursday, January 12:
8:00 AM (Fr Tom) Mary Guerre †
6:30 PM (Fr Tom) Thelma Grimes †
Friday, January 13:
8:00 AM (Fr Jeff) Maria Oloriz
6:30 PM (Fr Jeff) James Fegan †, Helen Prunty †, the Turrietta
Saturday, January 14:
8:00 AM (Fr Jeff) Alejandro Vallado †, Jacob Seckendorf †, Helen Punty †
5:30 PM (Fr Tom) Amanda Shanahan
Sunday, January 15:
7:15 AM (Fr Tom) Patrick Prendergast †
8:45 AM (Fr Jeff) Bob Eischen
10:30 AM (Fr Tom) Delia & Manuel Diaz †
12:15 PM (Fr Jeff) Norma Montoya †
5:30 PM (Fr Jeff) Pierina Cimino †

Died in Christ

Geraldine Armigido
Wayne Vestal
Teresita Turner

Prayers for our Men &Women Serving in the Military

Administration

Pulpit Announcements

Send to pulpitann@smdpyl.org plus a copy to ParishOffice@smdpyl.org by the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Contents are to be only 1-2 sentences.

Bulletin Deadline

Submit articles 10 days before the weekend. (Holiday submissions vary.) Send to Becky Fautch at: bulletineditor@smdpyl.org or leave a printed copy at the parish office.

Facility Reservation

For requests which includes tables in the outdoor Gathering Plaza, please click on this link: smdpyl.org/reservations. ***Requests must be submitted two weeks in advance.*** After your request has been approved and entered, you will receive a confirmation from the parish office secretary.

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"For God Loves a Cheerful Giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

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- Simplifies your regular tithing
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- Significantly reduces church expenses
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Crittenton Thanks St. Martin Parish

Dear Friends of St Martin de Porres,

I always have loved Mother Teresa's words "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." The extraordinary generosity and caring that came from hundreds of open hearts gathered the most fragile and wounded in our community. Nearly 900 Crittenton boys and girls were lifted up not just by the sparkle of the beautiful packages but by the fact that you cared about them. They felt the love of God through your kindness. Person to person.

Father Sy's children's mass on December 24th Eve was very special. He asked the children of the parish (literally) what gifts they would NOT like to see under the tree. Adorable boys and girls in fanciest church clothes replied. "Clothes. Socks. Backpacks. Underwear." I sat in my pew thinking that 99% of the kids at Crittenton asked for these items because they do not have them. Our boys and girls asked for shampoo, a school uniform, or perhaps a warm blanket because they sleep in a garage or car. Our children are different in some ways, but in most ways, they are just the same as your families. They just want to be loved and safe.

I stood by the giving tree when the cub scout dads were preparing their young scouts to sell poinsettias. These fathers were so incredible; they made me cry. With humor and love, they were giving the young boys life lessons about the importance of being on time, about how to speak to people with politeness, and giving tips on counting money. I couldn't help but think that most of the kids on my tree had no involved fathers and how they would give up all their presents for a dad like one of these men. The breakdown of the family is at the heart of so many of our children's struggles.

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

for these upcoming events or dates to remember at our parish

Sunday, January 15, 2017
Sunday Brunch with the Knights of Columbus
7am—1pm

Monday, January 16
Parish Office Closed
Martin Luther King Holiday

Saturday, February 4, 2017
Family Fun Night

Sunday, February 5, 2017
Super Bowl Sunday Party

Sunday, February 12, 2017
Sunday Brunch with the Knights of Columbus
7am—1pm

March 1—Ash Wednesday
Mass-8am and 6:30pm
Liturgy of the Word
6:30am, 12:00, 5:00 & 6:45p

Additional Lent Confession Times
Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
on March 14th, 21st, 28th, and April 4th
Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
on March 18th and 25th, and April 1st and the 8th.

March 3, 2017
Friday Fish Fry
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

April 28-29th, 2017
St. Martin de Porres Women's Retreat - in the parish hall.

St. Martin's Outreach "BOX OF LOVE"

Food Drive is the weekend of February 11-12.

All food collected will be used for our Outreach Pantry & related Outreach Ministries. Please return filled boxes the weekend of February 18-19. We need volunteers! This is a great opportunity for students in need of service hours. Please contact Shari at meljoemom@yahoo.com or 909-519-3766. Thank you!

Menu

1 box of Pancake mix
1 small bottle of Syrup
1 box of Mashed Potatoes
2 pkgs. of Gravy mix
1 1-lb. bag of rice
1 1-lb. bag of dry Beans
4 boxes of Mac n' Cheese
1 package of spaghetti
1package of pasta (any kind)
2 cans of Pasta Sauce
2 cans of Pasta products (i.e. Ravioli, Spaghettios, etc.)
2 cans of Stew
2 cans of Chili
2 cans of Beans
2 cans of Fruit
2 cans of Vegetables
2 cans of Soup
4 large cans of Chicken/Tuna
3 boxes of Hamburger Helper/Tuna Helper
1 small box of Oatmeal
1 plastic jar of Jelly or Jam
1 plastic jar of Peanut Butter
1 pkg. Cake Mix and 1 pkg. Frosting
1 box of Jell-O
1 box of cereal

Crittenton Thanks St. Martin Parish *(continued)*

You did so much to bring God's love to our children. Unborn children will begin their lives with necessities that their teen mothers do not yet even understand. We serve a large population of survivors of commercial child sex trafficking. It was their first Christmas safe and off the streets. They received toys and are learning to play as children. They were never given that opportunity. Comfort items help their sleeplessness and beautiful new clothing allow themselves a vision standing in the light of their true value. Depressed children received wonderful beauty items and new clothes. They shed their familiar dark hooded sweatshirts and received much praise for their new looks. A six-year-old boy who would not go outside after his best friend and neighbor was shot and killed in a drive-by, received outside toys (and inside ones too). He rode his scooter on Christmas day and is making progress on going to school.

One 7-year-old boy named Jesus (unbelievably, his name is Jesus), asked only for "a little Christmas tree" for himself, his mom and 4-year-old sister. He had never had a tree. They escaped severe domestic violence, had no car, and live in a small room in a bad neighborhood. We had to make this happen. The process involved six different elves, but Jesus and his family enjoyed a giant tree courtesy of Lowes, who would not take our money. Underneath were needed and fun gifts and even a microwave and mini frig. For this family, it was a Christmas miracle.

Two days before Christmas, a young teen client lost his foster mom to a sudden heart attack. She was in process to adopt him. This 13-year-old young man had been abandoned as a baby and been in three family placements- two where the caretaker died, and one where he was abused. This home was the dream he had been waiting for. Our entire trauma team was at his home waiting when he came home from school to encounter this great loss. He had been saving for a skateboard with his foster mother holding his money for him. Now that was gone as well. St Martin financial donors created the opportunity for the case worker and child to shop together for a skateboard and to receive a special birthday gift coming up in January. Both he and his foster mom are people of deep faith and he will survive this great loss as well, with loving professional help and through God's grace.

The women of Wings once again could not have been more incredibly generous. They adopted our neediest families and bought them every kind of household item- from cleaning supplies and food gift cards to warm blankets and eating utensils. You changed lives. These are families who could not afford even a single gift for their kids. I would bend to collect a box that said "hygiene items" and it was too heavy to pick up. A tag saying "any warm clothes" turned out to be an enormous bag or box. Everything was over the top.

You took every last child from the special program we have which assists youth who have lived their entire lives in foster care but "aged out" at age 18. Their wishes of food gift cards, laundry soap, and the very basics were not exciting. The kids were older but you were so compassionate and met every need, took every child. They were overjoyed. They know how many hours it takes to work a low paying job to buy a needed jacket. Thank you.

You helped the refugee, separated hundreds of miles from the only family she knows. Boys and girls of every ethnicity, religion, and cultural background were cared for. You helped the suicidal transgender youth whose parents threw him away. You helped the child bullied and shamed because his parents are in prison, or are mentally ill. You shopped during the busiest time of the year with money that is hard to come by. You did it for those you do not know. You did not judge them. You needed only their size and their wish. Someone even paid a family's gas bill so the children could take hot showers again.

When our counselors delivered gifts to our home-based clients, they entered homes devoid of a tree or single decoration. Out of giant trash bags came your beautiful gifts as children scrambled to find their names. Children and parents cried. Our staff, who can feel powerless sometimes, were elated to be able to offer your awesome gifts to clients so poor. One family of six kids lost everything they owned in an apartment fire and are living in a cheap motel. Every child got new warm clothing and something fun to play with. A nice gift card allowed them to have a special dinner out. A mom and teen daughter who live in their van awaiting shelter placement, received a thick special mattress for their van to sleep on, new pillows, clothing, a backpack, school supplies, and needed items. Dad is looking for a job. Both parents have worked their entire lives and lost their jobs due to no fault of their own. They were so thankful.

It is a hopeful and beautiful world with all of you in it. The blessings you showered on our children and families were life-changing and personal. Children struggled to understand the kindness shown to them, wanting nothing in return. Unconditional love is beautiful. All of us at Crittenton, especially the children, thank you for letting them know that they matter. You are a blessing.

Warmly,

Pat Williams
Parishioner, President, Kids Matter Auxiliary
Crittenton Services for Children & Families

St. Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Where Faith, Education and Community Meet to Inspire Tomorrow's Leaders."

Welcome All! Open House!

Sunday, January 29th • 9:00am - 1:00pm

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