

# Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



## Monthly Newsletter

June 2025

## Funding a Foundation

Every society needs a solid foundation of education, religion, a good diet and health care to thrive. The generosity of your direct donations and participation in our fundraisers for the Church of the Immaculate Conception support these key elements for the community of Chauffard. \$45,000 was wired to the bank account for our twin parish in 2024. This amount funded the school lunch program for over 700 students, enhanced salaries for 31 schoolteachers and the lunch cooks, repaired the parish vehicle and provided a salary for the doctors at the medical clinic. This amount is lower than in some past years because the schools were closed for 3 months of the school year. It is amazing how it all comes together. Bottle & can drives = \$11,070. Annual second collection = \$6,208. Book & bake sales = \$4,437. Doug's To Go events = \$4,272. Mitten & craft sales = \$3,625. Chicken & biscuit dinner = \$2,615. Trunk Sale = \$1,247. Soup supper donations = \$632. We are also funding the Tree Currency Program with support from Raising Hati to reforest the area and improve crop yield and nutrition. \$24,500 was donated directly for that program. This financial support creates the foundation upon which Father Raymond can maintain and grow the spiritual life of his parish. During this difficult time of upheaval in Haiti, the people of Chauffard have improved health, education and faith because of you. Thank you for your support.



Father Michael joins volunteers Meg VanPatten & Ellie Molinari during our Haitian Cultural Festival

### News from Chauffard:

"We thank the Lord for all his blessings. The school in Chauffard has resumed well. The teachers have come to work, many students are coming though the original total is not yet reached. We continue to keep hope, one day things will go well. A thousand thanks for thinking of us in Chauffard. May the Lord bless you abundantly!"

Father Raymond, May 17, 2025

### Upcoming Events:

**June 6:** Doug's To Go, SMSP parking lot

**June 14-15:** Speaker & 2nd collection

All masses SMSP & OLOH

**June 20:** Doug's To Go, SMSP parking lot

**July 12-13:** Bottle & Can Drive, SMSP

For more information about any events or to volunteer, call **Kate McMahon** at 315-214-1569.

**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,  
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**

# Doug's Fish Fry Truck To Go!



~At St. Michael/St. Peter's  
Velasko Road parking lot~

Friday, June 6  
Friday, June 20  
from 11 am to 6:00 pm  
(or until SOLD OUT)~

**Fish!**

**Shrimp!**

**Scallops!**

**Fries!**

**Coleslaw!**



~Indoor seating available~

~Bake Sale~

~Cold drinks available for purchase~  
**Funds raised support the school lunch  
program for our Twin Parish in Haiti**

**To call and place orders until  
4:00 please call  
(607) 753-9184 ext 2**