

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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Thank You to Our 'Fraternity' of Volunteers!



Haiti volunteers Jules Balogh (in back), June McLaughlin, Martha Sniffen and Flo Lewis

The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are acted out all year round through your support of our twin parish. At every mass, our parish community prays in solidarity for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. They do the same for us. We fast at the Soup Suppers; eating the simple meal offered and donating what we would spend on a usual dinner to our twin parish. Almsgiving is even more apparent as our parishioners donate their time, talent and treasure. **Thanks to our tireless volunteers**, we offer many fundraisers throughout the year. Parishioners donate bottles, books and school supplies. They buy baked goods and dinners. We are a team, supporting our twin parish. There is a great sense of fraternity among us.

The Oxford Language dictionary defines fraternity as "the state or feeling of friendship and mutual support within a group." In February 2022, Pope Francis said, "Fraternity is one of the fundamental and universal values that ought to undergird relationships between peoples, so that the suffering or disadvantaged do not feel excluded and forgotten, but accepted and supported as part of the one human family. We are brothers and sisters!" He continued, "I encourage everyone to be committed to the cause of peace and to respond concretely to the problems and needs of the least, the poor and the defenseless. Our resolve is to walk side by side, 'brothers and sisters all,' in order to be effective artisans of peace and justice, in the harmony of differences and with respect for the identity of each." If you would like to take a more active role in supporting our twin parish, contact Kate McMahon or another member of the Haiti committee.

New at St. Michael's/ St. Peter's Church:

Have you seen the newest stained glass windows at the Church of St. Michael and St. Peter? On the Velasko Road side, one is a Saint Helena window dedicated: "In honor of the people of our twin parish, The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Chauffard, Haiti." Go take a look!



Upcoming Events

April 21-23: Book & Bake Sale
in Church Basement

Bottle & Can Drive
at Velasko Road parking lot

June 17-18: Haiti Speaker &
Second Collection

July 15-17:
Bottle & Can Drive
at Velasko Road parking lot

For more information, call
Kate McMahon at 315-214-1569.

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



The Church of St. Michael & St. Peter

Book & Bake Sale

Save your returnables as we will *also* be hosting
a [Can & Bottle Drive](#) from April 21-23!

Friday April 21	9 am – 6:30 pm
Saturday April 22	9 am – 6:30 pm
Sunday April 23	8:30 am – 1 pm

FOR SALE:

- gently used books, games, DVDs & CDs
- delicious home-baked goods

[All proceeds benefit our twin parish in Chauffard, Haiti.](#)