

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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Share Your Blessings This Lent

The purpose of the three ancient practices of Lent - almsgiving, fasting and prayer - is to open oneself more fully to the presence of God. Author C.S. Lewis wrote, "I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small."

This Lenten season, please remember the people of our Twin Parish. Your donations buy food to nourish over 1,000 children in the school lunch program and pay salaries to teachers, cooks, security staff, a driver, nurses, and now doctors (!). The salaries allow these Haitians to buy food and clothing for their families. Thank you for your support.



*Easter Education Class,
The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Chauffard*

News from Chauffard:

"Thanks to God who allows us to still be alive. At Chauffard, we are fine. The school, the clinic, the community, everything is going well. Except for the insecurity that is ravaging the country at high speed. This scares us. Today we started with the season of Lent. Everything went well with Mass and fasting until 12:30 pm. Last Sunday, we organized a day of education for the groups. It was wonderful."

Father Raymond, Parish Priest 3/2/22

Upcoming Events:

March 5: TAKEOUT
Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

March 1-13: Easter Flower Sale,
call 315-430-2301

March 25-27: Book & Bake Sale
March 25-27: Bottle & Can Drive

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

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

Medical Staff in Chauffard!



Sister Ann Marie spoke at the dedication of the new Our Lady of Chauffard Medical Clinic.

Father Raymond sent us some wonderful news last month! He wrote, "I received a call from the health department. I am happy to announce the arrival of one or two graduating doctors designated for the Chauffard clinic to complete their social services. They will be lodged and eat at the Rectory. The doctors will not be paid by the state. With that we will have additional expenses. With meager resources from the clinic, it will be difficult to give them a small

reasonable salary to buy their basic necessities. I accept they will come because we are in great need."

The Chauffard clinic has finally been recognized by the government as a proper medical clinic. The head of the region's health department visited for an inspection over three years ago! With that designation, they are eligible to purchase medicines and supplies at a discounted rate from State-run pharmacies and have government medical staff assigned to their clinic. How wonderful that the community will now have access to quality medical care year-round!

The original Our Lady of Chauffard medical clinic was built in the 1960's by French missionaries. When we first visited with a medical team in 2009, there were some leaks and one back room was not safe to use. Sister Ann Marie, who has no formal medical training, was the staff. With hurricanes and the earthquake, by 2014 the structure was unusable.

Your donations funded the construction of a beautiful new clinic with gravity-fed running water, dedicated in 2017. Starting in 2018, certified nurses and a lab technician began working there. That was the year of our most recent visit by a medical mission team. It was our 9th medical mission. We hope to visit again as soon as it is safe.



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