

Twin Parish News

A partnership between St. William, St. Simons Island, GA and St. Joseph, Côtés-de-Fer, Haiti

Your Support is Making a Difference An **Infrastructure** Report



**St. John the Evangelist Chapel
Villa, Haiti**

Some of the money raised at last year's **Fête for Haiti** was used for chapel construction. Four chapels received cement, but had to wait for rain, because there wasn't sufficient water to mix the cement. It's wonderful to see the progress being made throughout our twin parish, because of YOU.

Interiors of three chapels completed

Because of YOU, three chapels now have beautiful floors and completed cement work in their interiors! In his update on chapel construction, Father Faustin reported that two chapels are completely finished and another is almost complete. The photo at left shows work in progress at St. John the Evangelist Chapel. Below is the nave of Jesus Good Shepherd Chapel. The congregations are now proceeding with work on the chapel exteriors with funds that you provided. **Thank You!**



Jesus Good Shepherd Chapel, Sovage, Haiti

Pilot “Food for Attendance” Program Shows Signs of Success



Would you send your child to school if you needed an extra hand on the farm?

Would you keep your child home from school if you needed help caring for your other children?

These are some of the reasons why attendance was poor at Sacred Heart School last year.

Children who miss school have difficulty learning. What can be done to increase attendance?



One idea to increase attendance is to provide food to children who come to school every day. It was decided to try this idea as a pilot program at Sacred Heart in 2019.

Because of your participation in fundraising activities, money was provided for the purchase of food. School personnel were directly involved in the distribution of food each Friday - for children who had attended school that week.

Father Faustin reported that “since the introduction of the program, children are more regular at school. For the month of May, the principal recorded only three absences for reasons of health and mortality.”

We thank you for your support in making this pilot program possible. We will evaluate the data that we receive from Father and decide if the program should be repeated next year.



PLEASE keep Haiti in your prayers.

Haiti is currently experiencing political and economic crises.

Without going into ALL of the details (they can be found on the Internet), suffice it to say that the country is in trouble.

They are plagued by

- 1 - a weakening local currency,
- 2- years of double-digit inflation and
- 3 - widening inequality.

At Pentecost, the bishops of Haiti issued a statement. It concludes with this plea:

“Given the alarming and disturbing state of the country, we urge all God’s people in Haiti to enter into prayer with the Pentecost Novena. This novena will last in adoration going from Pentecost 2019 to Pentecost 2020. May this abundance of prayers be like a shower of graces and blessings spread over the country! May Mary, Our Mother who took part in the first novena of Pentecost, please accompany us in this novena and this adoration for a necessary change of behavior and mentality for the liberation of Haiti.”

The people of St. Joseph will implement this practice at adoration every Thursday evening. Let us join them in fervent prayer: God bless the people of Haiti.



From one classroom to two. St. Joseph parish school, Côtés-de-Fer, Haiti.

Support a Child in Haiti

Education is a Child's Best Hope for a Better Life

You are a very important person in the life of a Haitian child. Your gift to the current education campaign demonstrates that you care and that you want life to be better for them each day.

The children in our twin parish need your help to:

stay in school for another year,
have a trained teacher for another year and
enjoy a hot lunch for another year

No gift is too large or too small. This year it will cost

\$65 to educate an elementary child

\$160 to educate a secondary child

Please send the gift of education to a Haitian child today.



Yes, I want to give the gift of Education to a Haitian child.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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\$160___ \$65___ \$50___ \$25___ Other___

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