

Twin Parish News

November 2024

A partnership between St. William and St. Joseph, Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti



From the pen of Father Islaire Faustin...

The Parish of St. William Makes a Miracle In Saurel



Dear Parishioners of St. William,

One of the major problems facing the inhabitants of the chapels in St. Joseph parish is water. People spend two hours every day fetching muddy, undrinkable water from ravines, or collecting rainwater when they can. The result is disease, especially tooth decay.

Fortunately, God put St. William parish in the path of these abandoned people. For 15 years, St. William parish has been helping St. Joseph parish on several levels. In that time, many things have changed, notably, the problem of drinking water has been solved in several places. The latest of these is Saurel.

Saurel is a community of over 12,000 inhabitants lacking any basic infrastructure, particularly drinking water. This year, on behalf of the parish of St. William, Helping Hugs drilled a well for the community. The people welcomed the news with great joy. Days of fasting and prayer were held to make the project a reality.

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Last June, Water for Life technicians arrived on site to begin drilling. Crowds of onlookers gathered every day. When the technician said, "It's okay, we've found water," people shouted at the top of their voices, "It's a miracle. God is great. Thank you, Father Islaire. Thank you St. William for helping us."

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A reservoir was built to facilitate water distribution. An old woman said in a sobbing voice, "Father Islaire, our misery is over. Thank you."

I thank the clergy of St. William parish, the faithful of the parish, as well as the donors and the tireless members of Helping Hugs who hold our hand as we move forward. The whole of St. Joseph parish is praying for you and is very grateful for this form of evangelization that you are carrying out in Haiti. Without fanfare, you make the Church of Christ a community of brothers and disciples.



May God watch over you and bless you all!

Father Islaire Faustin

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With Gratitude to God and Our Generous Attendees

The Fête for Haiti was a Fabulous Success

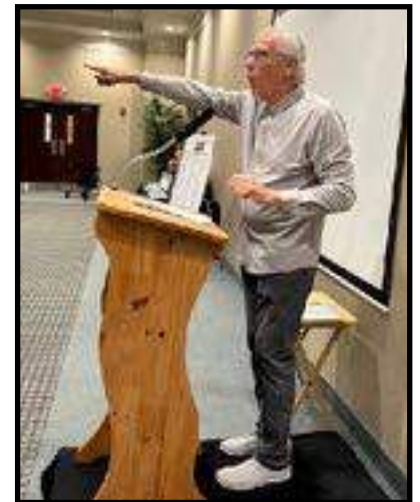
St. William community and friends came together to shape a better tomorrow for our twin parish, St. Joseph, raising both hope and critical support.

Timote George, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Smallholder Farmers Alliance presented an update on the Tree Currency Program currently being implemented in two communities of our twin parish. A recently completed economic survey of 104 farmers will provide baseline data for comparison in the future.

The dinner by Sea Island chefs with live and silent auctions was attended by 140 people. The fabulous meal was served efficiently by South African hospitality trainees from Sea Island and youth from St. William.



Bryan Thompson, auctioneer, was a lively presence. He brought humor and energy to the room as he led the bidding. With a keen sense of timing and an impressive ability to read the crowd, he kept attendees engaged and laughing, transforming the auction into a thoroughly entertaining experience.



We do all this...

...to continue the Agroforestry, Clean Water, Healthcare, Infrastructure and Education programs that St. William parishioners have funded since 2011.

Thank you for being a sponsor, making a contribution, purchasing a ticket to the event and shopping the auctions!

Gratitude to Those Who Worked Behind the Scenes



Ann Glendening, Trudy Putnam, Jo Heler-Orr



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Evy Marshall
President

A Few Thoughts...

One hundred forty people sitting together enjoying a delicious meal prepared by Sea Island chefs, toasting our success in Saint Joseph Parish with a presentation by Timote Georges, and a glass of wine. What a fantastic evening! Thank you to all who have supported us financially, and those who have come out to support us at the fete dinner. The great array of auction items and our illustrious auctioneer, Brian Thompson, made for an exciting evening.



As we enter this harvest season, I am keenly aware of all my blessings. How fortunate am I to live in this country, on this island, in this parish. I am so grateful at the level of support we've received for our twin parish. I am so grateful to all of you and wish you the joys and blessings of a Happy Thanksgiving.

For the year 2025 we are confident we will be able to continue our programs. Please read the newsletters for exciting updates.

Blessings,
Evy



Timote Georges shares the baseline economic survey of 104 farmers in St. Joseph Parish.

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An Evening of Generosity and Impact: A Financial Report



Thanks to the incredible support of our parish community, friends, and local partners, this year's *Fête for Haiti* was a resounding success! With our theme, *Shaping a Better Tomorrow Together*, we united to raise funds for vital initiatives in our twin parish in Haiti. Through donations, auctions, and event contributions, we will make a meaningful impact on education, healthcare, and community development projects. Together, we are building a brighter future for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

*INCOME	\$74,297
EXPENSES	\$3,506
PROCEEDS	\$70,791

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