

Twin Parish News

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



“Bee Thankful” Fête for Haiti 2020 Saturday, October 24th

Takeout Dinner by Tom Delaney

Pickup time 5 – 7:30 pm

\$50 per person - Tickets on sale beginning Sept. 15th

On the website: www.helpinghugsinc.org

At St. William Church Office

By calling Sandra Hochwald 912-638-3143

After Weekend Masses several weeks before the event

On-line Silent Auction

The articles that follow illustrate how your donations are needed and are being used.

Emergency Food Rations Received at St. Joseph Parish



Through your generosity, funds were available to take advantage of a matching food grant. You provided \$12,000 worth of food to the people of St. Joseph parish.

The weather, the coronavirus, and political instability have all contributed to food scarcity throughout Haiti. Our twin parish community is no exception. For months we have been hearing from Father Faustin that he receives pleas for food on a daily basis.

Your support for our friends in Haiti provided \$4,000 of food relief in April and June. In July we were offered a matching grant to provide additional food through FOOD FOR THE POOR.

We sent a total of \$6,000. Beginning August 20th, \$12,000 worth of food began arriving in Côtés-de-Fer.

Father selected the most vulnerable families in the 10 chapel areas and in Côtés-de-Fer to receive food kits. The nonperishable food being provided is: rice, cornmeal, beans, sardines, oil and canned milk.

Thank you for making this food distribution possible.



It was a long two days of food deliveries.

August 19th, the first truck arrives.



August 20th, the second much larger truck finally departs at 11:55 PM.





Who will receive the food kits?

Food for the Poor asked Father Faustin to provide photos of those receiving the kits. These are some of the people from St. Lawrence chapel who will benefit from your generosity.



Thank you, Helping Hugs donors, for your support of our annual Fête for Haiti fundraiser.



It is through your generosity that we are able to provide emergency food kits to the most vulnerable members of our twin parish community.



Haiti Suffers Devastation Of Tropical Storm Laura



August 23, 2020

Just as Father Faustin was preparing to deliver food kits throughout his parish, tropical storm, Laura, arrived. The high winds and floodwaters left devastation everywhere.

The day after the storm passed the island, Father did site visits to see the damage caused by the storm. He reported, "The toll is heavy. We recorded a lot of damage. All roads are damaged."

There were no human deaths in *Côtes-de-Fer*, "but goats are swept away by the ravines and the plantations are destroyed."

When asked if he ever tired of the troubles in Haiti, Father said, "**I keep morale high. I accept the situation as it is. I am not complaining. God is with us. He is in control of events.**"

"I am awaiting the meeting with the chapel directors next Saturday for more information concerning the damage caused by storm Laura."

August 30, 2020

Father found the meeting with the chapel directors to be very interesting. They reported that all of the villages have been "affected by the storm. **Lots of dead cattle, impassable roads and devastated gardens.**"

Please pray for everyone in Haiti who has suffered the devastation of tropical storm, Laura.

THANK YOU!

**Because of YOU
St. Joseph Youth
Distributed Food Kits
to the Disabled**



Thanks to the young people who distributed the food and took these photos.

Opportunities

Please join others by becoming a “Fête for Haiti” sponsor. As the major fundraiser for the year, the future of Father Islaire and the people of Côtes-de-Fer are determined by our generosity. Let them “Bee Thankful” that they have such a wonderful local community and twin parish in St. William.

Opportunities, through “Fete for Haiti” sponsorship, are available to bring clean water, education and medical assistance to our twin parish St. Joseph parishioners. Our theme this year is “Bee Thankful” for the gifts and resources we have and our willingness to share them with people in the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Imagine you lived in Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti and were a parishioner of Father Islaire. Father works tirelessly and does not complain as he knows that “God is with us”. He will be thankful for our help in any situation.

The pictures in the previous pages provide you with just a small view into the daily life of a Haitian. Lack of food as a result of the Coronavirus and devastation from the recent hurricane, Laura, are two of the most recent hurdles that must be overcome.

Dinner Sponsor Levels

Platinum \$5,000 and above

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