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St. Francis-Haiti  
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## IMPACT 100-Haitian Mother's Day

The Haiti Outreach Ministry is so excited to continue the **IMPACT 100** initiative to engage St. Francis parishioners in active partnership with St. Louis Parish! Fr. Augustin has asked us to help the parish with Food Kits for 500 Haitian mothers in the community for Haitian Mother's Day, which is May 29<sup>th</sup>. The situation for families in Haiti is dire! Turn this page over to see news from St. Louis Parish!

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to help fund this important need in the community of Pointe-a-Raquette—and make a big difference in the lives of these mothers who work so hard to feed their children. They often do not know where the next meal will come from. Please consider joining the effort and make an **IMPACT!** The community has suffered during the last 2 years with the effects of Covid and the high inflation. A gallon of gas in Haiti can run as high as \$20! Our goal is to raise \$10,000! ANY amount that you are able to share is appreciated! Please spread the word!

See ways to give below.

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Yes! I would like to become a part of IMPACT 100-Haitian Mother's Day!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a check to St. Francis Haiti Outreach Ministry. Please mail to the parish office, 118 N. New St., Staunton, VA 24401 or put in the collection basket!

You can also donate ONLINE at <https://givebutter.com/95vGk2/join>.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

**Thank you from Father Augustin, the people of St. Louis Parish and the Haiti Outreach Ministry**

Father Augustin and the people are always so appreciative of what St. Francis does for them. We look forward to the time when we are again able to visit them!

For questions about the Ministry, please contact us at [stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com) or call Marie Thomas at 540-255-3166 and Angie McFarling at 540-569-6041. Thank you always for your love and support!

*Men anpil chay pa lou. Many hands make the load lighter. Bondye beni ou. God bless you.*

## News from St. Louis Parish

St. Louis Parish continues to work hard to care for the families in the community. Life remains very difficult in Haiti and finding work to feed a family is almost impossible. St. Louis Parish, the St. Louis Parish School and Bob's Clinic provide some of the most secure jobs in the community. Many people in the town of Pointe-a-Raquette would not be working or able to feed their children if YOU were not so caring and generous in your support of the St. Francis Haiti Outreach Ministry.



A recent phone call from a parish member shared with us that many families do not know where the next meal might come from. They try to help each other. "Everyone is coming to school and they feed them every day. They feed them. The teachers are coming. It is good. I want to say that Fr. Augustin is doing a wonderful job. I don't know what to say about him. He is great. He is what we have needed. I want to thank you about thinking about mother's day and the Haitian culture. I will pray. That is a wonderful idea. I don't know where it is coming from but it must be coming from God." **To provide help to give mothers a food kit for Mother's Day is one of Father's initiatives. When I mentioned this to the parishioner, he almost cried and said this must be an idea straight from God! This parishioner also told me how much St. Louis Parish**

**appreciates St. Francis Parish:** "Even though you are far away, you are thinking about us. The parish is in your heart and you are so dedicated. We appreciate you and everyone who is pitching in. We say thank you God. Always helping Pointe-a-Raquette. Mother's Day in the Haitian way we will be here. If they are able to eat that day, it will be so special. **He is praying hard that we will be able to raise the money to help buy the food kits.**

**If you are able to make a donation to partner with the ministry in this valuable investment, please use the form on the reverse side! THANK YOU!**

## News from St. Louis Parish School

The situation on the mainland of Haiti with rampant gang warfare has caused the closing of many schools. Recently Father Augustin send us information stating that 772 schools were closed in and around the capital city of Port-au-Prince. We are so fortunate that our school has remained open and that the gang violence has not expanded to the island of LaGonave. However, the violence disrupts all business on the mainland so it is difficult to buy and transport supplies for the school. Father uses the boat to transport food and medicine to the island. A gallon of gas can cost as much as \$20 so you can imagine the price of food that then needs to be transported. Father Augustin says that the parents and students LOVE the school. It provides a safe and healthy environment for learning. God bless all those who sponsor students!



## News from Bob's Clinic

Dr. Nathalie and the clinic team welcomed a new service resident intern last month, Dr. Melissa Bourciquot. The clinic has been saving lives, most recently, a young swimmer who nearly drowned and also a young woman who had need of a blood transfusion. We were able to help transport them to the St. Therese Hospital in Miragoane, Haiti for additional treatment and both are reported as doing very well! In addition to these emergencies, the clinic sees many patients as the only medical clinic on the south side of the island. We were saddened to learn of the death of our long time pharmacist, Guerline Rosier, who passed away from pancreatic cancer in March. **Let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.**